

# TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND, VERMONT



2017 VT D4 Softball Champions



ANNUAL TOWN REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017

## TOWN REPORT DEDICATION

This year we mourn the loss of a long-time resident and public servant of the Town of West Rutland. Her dedication to her office as Lister spanned 30 years. In deep appreciation and gratitude we dedicate this year's Annual Report to this incredible friend to the Town of West Rutland.



### **Frances G. Flynn**

**January 30, 1935—February 17, 2017**

Frances “Frannie” Flynn was born in Rutland, the daughter of Paul Joseph and Anna (Drapola) Gawet. She graduated from MSJ and was employed at the Center Rutland Post Office as well as CVPS. She dedicated 30 years of service as Lister for the Town of West Rutland, retiring in 2014. Frannie was a long-time member of St. Bridget church and the West Rutland American Legion Auxiliary. In her younger years she was a cub scout leader and den mother. She enjoyed the outdoors and loved spending time with family.

Frances is survived by her three sons Chris Flynn and his wife, Carrie of West Rutland, Steve Flynn and his wife, Patty of West Rutland and David Flynn of Concord, NH; four grandchildren, Gina Mondella, Logan Flynn, Josie Flynn and Riley Flynn. She is greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.



On August 14, 2017 the Selectboard issued a proclamation recognizing the Girls Varsity Softball team and their coaches, Carl and Laurie Serrani on their D4 Championship win.

## ON THE COVER

Many of the photos on our cover are from the West Rutland Memorial day parade. Photographs also featured are as follows: a picture of the new eagle that adorns our WWII memorial, volunteers repairing stones at our area cemeteries, carolers singing at our annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony, the sign erected at our new dog park and a picture of the 2017 Girls D4 Varsity Softball Championship team. We are grateful to Donna Wilkins Photography-Portraits for many of the pictures on our Town Report cover. Thank you Donna!

## TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Town Manager	438-2263
Fax	438-5133
Town Treasurer	438-2263
Town Clerk	438-2204
Listers	438-2263
Zoning	438-2204
Town Garage	438-2854
Wastewater Treatment Plant	438-5633
Water Department	438-5633
Library	438-2964
School	438-2288
Recreation Department	438-2263
Neighbor Works of Western VT	438-2303
West Rutland Food Shelf	282-5374
Friends of West Rutland Town Hall	438-2263
FIRE/POLICE EMERGENCY	911
Fire Warden (Steve Czachor)	438-2840
State Police	773-9101
Ambulance	773-1700
Animal Control Officer (Rutland County Sheriff's Dept.)	775-8002

## INFORMATION

**TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS:** 9:00AM – 3:00PM, Monday-Thursday, Friday by appointment

**TREASURER’S OFFICE:** 8:00AM – 4:00PM, Monday-Friday  
Summer Hours: 8:00 AM—4:00 PM Monday-Thursday, 8:00 AM—Noon on Friday

**ZONING OFFICE:** 8:15AM – 4:00PM, Monday  
8:15 AM—Noon, Thursday

**SUMMER HOURS:** May 28th—September 7th

**OFFICE PERSONNEL:** Mary Ann Goulette, Town Manager (438-2263)  
Treasurer’s Office (438-2263)  
Patricia Kulig, Treasurer  
Melissa Carlson, Bookkeeper  
Lisa Harvey, Assistant Bookkeeper  
Town Clerk, Chris Wener (438-2204)  
Zoning Administrator, Jeff Biasuzzi (438-2204)  
Listers: Patrick Trepanier, Robert Higgins, Lisa Wright (438-2263)

**FAX:** (438-5133)

**TOWN GARAGE:** (438-2854)

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:** (438-5633)

**WATER DEPARTMENT:** (438-5633)

**LIBRARY:** (438-2964)

Offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

New Year’s Day	Martin Luther King Jr.	Presidents’ Day
Memorial Day	Independence Day	Labor Day
Veteran’s Day	Thanksgiving Day	Day after Thanksgiving
Day before Christmas	Christmas Day	

**DUE DATE FOR UTILITY PAYMENTS:** April 15 and October 15

**DUE DATE FOR TAX PAYMENTS:** August 15, November 15, May 15

**MEETING HOURS:**

SELECTBOARD

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 6:00 pm in Town Hall Conference Room

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## TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND, VERMONT

### **WARNING**

The legal voters of the Town of West Rutland, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Hall Auditorium on Monday, March 5th, 2018 at 6:30 PM for an informational hearing and to act on Articles 1, 2 & 3. And to meet on Tuesday, March 6th, 2018 at 10:00 AM at the West Rutland Town Hall, 35 Marble Street, to vote by Australian Ballot on Articles 4-21. Polls to close at 7:00 PM.

- Article #1 To act on the reports of the Town Officers.
- Article #2 To discuss the proposed Selectboard's Budget for the expenses of the Town and Highway Department.
- Article #3 To transact any other legal and proper business, not involving Town funds or any other articles on this warning.

#### THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES TO BE VOTED ON BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

- Article #4 To elect by Australian Ballot all necessary Town Officers:  
Town and School Moderator 1 Year, Selectperson 3 Years (1),  
Selectpersons 1 Year (2), Lister 3 Year, Grand Juror and Town Law Agent.
- Article #5 Shall the Town approve the Selectboard's Budget for Fiscal Year covering July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 in the amount of \$1,349,327 to be raised by taxes?
- Article #6 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$80,000 for continuing repaving and sidewalk improvements.
- Article #7 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$400 to support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?
- Article #8 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$4,800 to support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice? (\$300 to support Rutland Area Hospice and \$4,500 to support RAVNAH Home & Community Health Services)
- Article #9 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$3,304 for the support of Rutland Mental Health Services so that these services can be maintained?
- Article #10 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to the Rutland Economic Development Corporation (REDC) for the purposes of development promotion?
- Article #11 Shall the Town of West Rutland appropriate the sum of \$1,200 to Vermont Adult Learning /Rutland County Adult Basic Education for providing direct educational services to adults to include teaching materials?

- Article #12 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,250 to support the programs and services of BROCC – Community Action in Southern Vermont?
- Article #13 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$300 to support ARC – Advocacy, Resources and Community Opportunities for developmental disabled citizens?
- Article #14 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the support of the programs of the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?
- Article #15 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$500 to support the NeighborWorks of Western Vermont?
- Article #16 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$750 for Housing Trust of Rutland County to assist the Town of West Rutland and its residents with their affordable housing needs?
- Article #17 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the services of the West Rutland Food Shelf?
- Article #18 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to support the services of the Marble Valley Regional Transit District?
- Article #19 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$250 to support the services of the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District?
- Article #20 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$250 to support the services of the American Red Cross?
- Article #21 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$500 to support the Carving Studio and Sculpture Center?
- Article #22 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$600 to support the services of the Child First Advocacy Center?

Selectboard: January 22, 2018

  
Sean Barrows, Chairperson

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Chet Brown

  
Mitch Frankenberg

  
John Harvey

  
Nick Notte

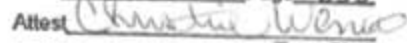
WEST RUTLAND TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
RECEIVED FOR RECORD

23rd day of January AD 2018

AT 10 O'Clock 15 Minutes A M

And Recorded in Town Meeting & Misc

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Attest   
Town Clerk

**WEST RUTLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING**  
**Annual School District Meeting**  
**March 5 and March 6, 2018**

The legal voters of the West Rutland Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the gymnasium of the West Rutland Town Hall in said Town on Monday, March 5, 2017 at seven o'clock in the evening to transact the following business from the floor:

**March 5, 2018**

- Article 1. To hear the reports of the School Board and other District officials and act thereon.
- Article 2. To transact any other lawful business to come before the meeting.

**March 6, 2018**

The legal voters of the West Rutland Town School District are hereby further warned to meet at the West Rutland Town Hall on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at ten o'clock in the morning at which time the polls will open and remain open until seven o'clock in the evening to vote on the following articles by Australian ballot:

- Article 3. To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.
- Article 4. To elect one (1) school director for the Quarry Valley Unified Union School Board for a term of three (3) years.
- To elect one (1) school director for the West Rutland School Board for a term of three (3) years.
- To elect two (2) school directors for the West Rutland School Board for a term of one (1) year.
- Please note: Due to the formation of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District, the West Rutland Town School District will cease all operations and no longer exist as of December 31, 2018.

- Article 5. To amend Article 8B of the Quarry Valley Articles of Agreement as follows:

8B. Subsequent Sale of Real Property to Towns In the event that, and at such subsequent time as the Unified Union School District School Board determines, at its discretion, and subject to compliance with the school closure provisions of Article 8C, that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by one or more of the forming districts is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the Unified Union School District and its educational programs, the Unified Union School District shall offer such real property, for the sum of One U.S. Dollar, and subject to all encumbrances of record, the assumption or payment of all outstanding bonds and notes and the repayment of any school construction aid or grants as required by Vermont law, to the town of the forming district which transferred the property under the provisions of Article 8A. The conveyance of any of the above school properties shall be conditioned upon the town owning and utilizing the real property for community and public purposes for a minimum of five years. In the event a town elects to sell the real property prior to five years of ownership, the town shall compensate the Unified Union School District for all capital improvements and renovations completed after the formation of the Unified Union School District and prior to the sale to the town. In the event a town elects not to acquire ownership of such real property, the Unified Union School District shall, pursuant to Vermont statutes, sell the property upon such terms and conditions as established by the Unified Union School District School Board.



SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Blake Cushing 1/22/18  
Blake Cushing, Chair

Fran Girardi 1/17/18  
Fran Girardi, Vice Chair

Tom Callahan 1/17/18  
Tom Callahan, Clerk

James F. Mumford  
James Mumford, Board Member

Kristi Duncan  
Kristi Duncan, Board Member

Dated at West Rutland, Vermont, January 25, 2018.

A true copy, attested and duly recorded as required by law.

Christina Wena  
West Rutland Town Clerk

WEST RUTLAND TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
RECEIVED FOR RECORD  
25th day of January, 2018  
AT 12 O'Clock 40 Minutes P.M.  
And Recorded in Town Meeting & Misc.  
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Attest Christina Wena  
Town Clerk

## TOWN MANAGER REPORT

This year I am proud to report I celebrated my 10<sup>th</sup> year as Town Manager. I would like to thank the Town residents, businesses, employees, Selectboard and area partners for your continued support and cooperation in advancing our Town. Over the years, we have made improvements to our infrastructure, beautified our streetscape, enhanced our transportation system and created new recreational opportunities. We continue to look for ways to better position ourselves for the future and make our community a safe and happy place to live.

We continue with the implementation of our grant awards totaling \$1,096,492:

- \$850,000 - The Safe Routes to School sidewalk grant to install 5 segments of sidewalks on Thrall, Campbell, Ross, Clarendon and Fairview. Construction fall of 2018 or spring 2019.
- \$136,000 - VTrans Class 2 Paving Grant of \$136,000 to pave portions of Marble Street and Pleasant Street extension. Complete in 2018.
- \$7,159 – Better Backroads Grant for culvert and road inventory. Complete in 2018 or 2019
- \$7,500 – Grants in Aid Pilot Project to bring hydrologically connected road segments to standards of the Municipal Roads General Permit. Complete in 2017.
- \$13,468 – Better Backroads Grant for slope stabilization and stone lined ditch on Clark Hill. Complete in 2017.
- \$39,870 – Structures Grant – install a new culvert on Slason Street. Complete 2018
- \$15,000 – Recreation Facilities Grant for construction of a pavilion at the recreation area. Complete 2018 or 2019.
- \$19,995 – Municipal Planning Grant for redevelopment plan for Westway Mall. Complete 2018.
- \$7,500 – Municipal Planning Grant for a village master plan. Complete 2018.

The Village Master Plan study will give us a plan to create a welcoming gateway into town, increase the safety of our pedestrians/vehicles and better connect the Main/Marble Street historic village with the Westway Mall. We hope to implement these improvements in conjunction with the State paving project of Main Street and Clarendon Avenue in 2019.

We have contracted a reappraisal firm “Vison” to complete the reappraisal in 2019. The last reappraisal was over 10 years ago. It’s important to make sure properties are assessed correctly with the current market. As it gets closer look for more information in the mail.

In 2018, we are focusing on a number of improvements at the recreation area based on a master plan. We received approval from the State and opened a new access at Boardman Hill and changed the traffic pattern at the Fairview entrance to one-way. Now there is a safer way to access our park and we can encourage more users. The recreation committee is planning the addition of a new playground, pavilion and building upgrades. We also plan to work on the trail system in the Town Forest to provide more hiking, mountain biking and snowshoe opportunities.

Last fall, Park for Paws LTD opened the first dog park in Rutland County here in West Rutland. The highly visible location is just off Route 4 exit 6 and is welcoming to dogs of all sizes and has quickly become a regional destination. We have seen continuous use, in fact, initially we estimate 100+ users, many traveling from Rutland, Addison and Washington Counties, as well as New York. If you have not had a chance to check out our dog park we welcome you to visit.

The Center Rutland corridor continues to be a focus for the Town and the Rutland Region. We completed the water and sewer lines. Next we will work with Rutland Town to add a multi-use path to enhance the transportation and recreation options in the area. Imagine having a safe and pleasant option to walk and/or bike to and from Rutland.

We encourage volunteers to serve on a committee, coach a team, line a baseball field or march in a parade. Last year we embarked on a collaborative effort with the Legionnaires, Auxiliary and the Sons of American Legion Post #87 and residents to enhance the Memorial Day Parade. Mark your calendar, planning has already begun for this year’s parade on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Contact our office if you would like to contribute. We are a community with tremendous pride in everything we do. West Rutland’s future is bright and the possibilities are endless!

Best Regards,  
Mary Ann Goulette

## 2017-2018 WEST RUTLAND TOWN OFFICERS

POSITIONS	OFFICERS	TERM	TERM ENDING
Moderator Town and School	*Michael Moser	1 year	2018
Town Clerk	Christine Wener	3 year	2019
Treasurer	Patricia Kulig	3 year	2019
Selectpersons	Sean Barrows	3 year	2019
	Chester Brown	3 year	2020
	*Mitch Frankenberg	1 year	2018
	*John Harvey	3 year	2018
	*Nicola Notte	1 year	2018
West Rutland School Directors	Tom Callahan	3 year	2020
	*Blake Cushing	3 year	2018
	*Kristy Duncan	1 year	2018
	Francesca Girardi	3 year	2019
	*James Mumford	1 year	2018
Quarry Valley Unified Union School Directors	Tom Callahan	2 year	2019
	Blake Cushing	3 year	2020
	*James Mumford	1 year	2018
Listers	*Lisa Garcia	3 year	2018
	Robert Higgins	3 year	2019
	Patrick Trepanier	3 year	2020
Grand Juror	*Michael Moser	1 year	2018
Town Law Agent	*Michael Moser	1 year	2018
Police	Sheriff's Department	By Appointment	
Health Officer	Jayne Pratt	By Appointment	
Town Service Officer	Jayne Pratt	By Appointment	
Animal Control Officer	Sheriff's Department	By Appointment	
Emergency Management	Mary Ann Goulette	By Appointment	
Zoning Administrator	Jeff Biasuzzi	By Appointment	

\*Positions to be voted in 2018

Updated January 2, 2018

# **NOTICE TO VOTERS**

## **For Local Elections**

### **BEFORE ELECTION DAY:**

**CHECKLIST POSTED** at Clerks Office by February 4, 2018. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 24, 2018.

**HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE:** There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to [olvr.sec.state.vt.us](http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us).

**REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS:** You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone, email, or online at [mvp.sec.state.vt.us](http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us). The latest you can request ballots for the March 6, 2018 Election is the close of the Town Clerk's office on March 5, 2018. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

### **WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:**

You may vote in the town clerk's office before the deadline.

Voter may take his or her ballot(s) out of the clerk's office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail. Have ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

If you are sick or disabled before Election Day, ask the town clerk to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election.)

### **ON ELECTION DAY:**

**If your name was dropped from the checklist in error**, or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form.

If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter on Election Day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

**If you are a first time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail and did not submit the required document**, you must provide a current and valid photo identification, or a bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name/current address.

**If you have physical disabilities**, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

**If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place** let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

**If you have any questions or need assistance while voting**, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.

## **NO PERSON SHALL:**

Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.

Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.

Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.

Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.

Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

**FOR HELP OR INFORMATION: Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)**

**If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated**, you may file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633.

**If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process**, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office.

**If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process**, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Paper Ballots**

### **CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS:**

Go to the entrance checklist table.

Give name and, if asked, street address to the election official in a loud voice.

Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

An election official will give you a ballot.

Enter within the guardrail and go to a vacant voting booth.

### **MARK YOUR BALLOT:**

For each office listed on the ballot, you will see instructions to "Vote for not more than one, or Vote for not more than two, etc."

To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate you want to vote for.

**WRITE-IN candidate(s).** To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and either write-in the name or paste on sticker, then fill in the oval.

### **CHECK OUT:**

Go to the exit checklist table and state your name in an audible voice.

Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

**CAST YOUR VOTE** by depositing your voted ballot in "Voted Ballots" box.

**LEAVE** the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail.



**BUDGET PROPOSAL SUMMARY**  
**July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019**

	ACTUAL 2016	ACTUAL 2017	BUDGET 2018	BUDGET 2019	CHANGE
<b>GENERAL REVENUES</b>					
PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 1,282,839	\$ 1,240,164	\$ 1,270,298	\$ 1,349,327	6.2%
OTHER	\$ 120,015	\$ 200,220	\$ 209,550	\$ 221,403	5.7%
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 1,402,854</b>	<b>\$ 1,440,384</b>	<b>\$ 1,479,848</b>	<b>\$ 1,570,730</b>	<b>6.1%</b>
<b>GENERAL EXPENDITURES</b>					
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$ 332,653	\$ 314,921	\$ 339,636	\$ 351,330	3.4%
HIGHWAY	\$ 472,020	\$ 574,276	\$ 580,485	\$ 628,142	8.2%
FIRE	\$ 168,647	\$ 188,511	\$ 191,579	\$ 202,167	5.5%
STREET LIGHTS & LIBRARY	\$ 82,961	\$ 91,050	\$ 90,800	\$ 93,000	2.4%
TOWN HALL	\$ 98,896	\$ 114,117	\$ 105,127	\$ 102,011	-3.0%
LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$ 76,976	\$ 78,644	\$ 81,003	\$ 81,003	0.0%
RECREATION	\$ 51,931	\$ 50,471	\$ 51,851	\$ 67,051	29.3%
COUNTY TAX	\$ 12,500	\$ 14,593	\$ 14,593	\$ 14,022	-3.9%
OTHER	\$ 17,768	\$ 23,104	\$ 99,004	\$ 32,004	-67.7%
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 1,314,352</b>	<b>\$ 1,449,687</b>	<b>\$ 1,554,078</b>	<b>\$ 1,570,730</b>	<b>1.1%</b>

**MUNICIPAL TAX RATE**  
**PROJECTION Fiscal Year 2019**

Town Expenditures	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY 18	FY19
General & Highway	\$ 1,364,414	\$ 1,412,941	\$ 1,440,384	\$ 1,479,848	\$ 1,570,730
Services Articles	\$ 29,308	\$ 29,308	\$ 29,308	\$ 95,104	\$ 20,104
Voted Town Articles	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000
Exemptions - Veterans, etc.	\$ 7,780	\$ 7,780	\$ 7,780	\$ 7,780	\$ 7,780
<b>Town Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,466,502</b>	<b>\$ 1,515,029</b>	<b>\$ 1,557,472</b>	<b>\$ 1,662,732</b>	<b>1,678,614</b>
Less Other Revenues	\$ 209,795	\$ 204,359	\$ 204,859	\$ 209,550	\$ 221,403
<b>Expenses less Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 1,256,707</b>	<b>\$ 1,310,670</b>	<b>\$ 1,352,613</b>	<b>\$ 1,453,182</b>	<b>1,457,211</b>
<b>Grand List Value</b>	<b>\$ 1,855,760</b>	<b>\$ 1,861,179</b>	<b>\$ 1,871,278</b>	<b>1,919,653</b>	<b>\$ 1,903,393</b>
<b>Municipal Tax Rate per \$100 value</b>	<b>0.6772</b>	<b>0.7042</b>	<b>0.7228</b>	<b>0.757</b>	<b>0.766</b>

<b>ESTIMATED TAX CALCULATION - municipal tax only</b>					
	FY17	FY18	FY19	\$ change	
home value					
\$ 100,000	\$ 720.66	\$ 757.00	\$ 765.59	8.58	
\$ 150,000	\$ 1,080.98	\$ 1,135.50	\$ 1,148.38	12.88	
\$ 200,000	\$ 1,441.31	\$ 1,514.01	\$ 1,531.17	17.17	

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND  
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

	ACTUAL 2016	ACTUAL 2017	BUDGET 2018	PROPOSED 2019	
<b>REVENUES</b>					
PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 1,282,839	\$ 1,321,308	\$ 1,270,298	\$ 1,349,327	
STATE HIGHWAY AID	\$ 80,736	\$ 80,736	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	
RAILROAD TAX	\$ 37	\$ 37	\$ 50	\$ 37	
SEWER & WATER ADMIN	\$ 29,500	\$ 29,500	\$ 29,500	\$ 29,500	
ORDINANCE FINES	\$ 10,260	\$ 22,071	\$ 9,000	\$ 18,000	
SCHOOL TAX BILLING FEE	\$ 5,261	\$ 5,379	\$ 5,200	\$ 5,300	
CLERK FEES	\$ 14,711	\$ 15,867	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	
ZONING FEES	\$ 1,867	\$ 2,882	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
COPIER	\$ 432	\$ 1,009	\$ 500	\$ 500	
DOG LICENSES/T CLERK OTHER	\$ 2,256	\$ 2,195	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	
TREASURER SALARY SCHOOL	\$ 4,414	\$ 4,521	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	
INTEREST	\$ 2,968	\$ 2,691	\$ 7,000	\$ 8,000	
TOWN HALL RENT	\$ 6,803	\$ 4,123	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000	
LIQUOR LICENSE	\$ 830	\$ 830	\$ 800	\$ 800	
DEL. TAX INT/PENALTY	\$ 25,992	\$ 24,660	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	
PERMITS	\$ 368	\$ 385	\$ 300	\$ 300	
SALE OF PROPERTIES	\$ -	\$ 17,798	\$ -	\$ -	
PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 371	\$ 517	\$ 500	\$ -	
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	\$ 5,119	\$ 4,684	\$ 3,000	\$ 5,000	
SPONSORSHIP	\$ 1,250	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
MISC. REC. PROGRAMS	\$ 1,530	\$ 3,882	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,000	
REC BASEBALL/SOFTBALL	\$ 3,185	\$ 2,540	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,500	
PILOT PROGRAM	\$ 1,552	\$ 1,932	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
STATE LAND USE	\$ 8,188	\$ 8,863	\$ 9,000	\$ 8,066	
REC SOCCER	\$ -	\$ 800	\$ 700	\$ 700	
SENIOR MEALS	\$ 932	\$ 1,046	\$ 800	\$ 1,000	
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL SPONSOR	\$ -	\$ 2,750	\$ -	\$ 2,000	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,491,401</b>	<b>\$ 1,565,506</b>	<b>\$ 1,479,848</b>	<b>\$ 1,570,730</b>	

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND  
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

EXPENDITURES						
ADMINISTRATIVE		ACTUAL 2016	ACTUAL 2017	BUDGET 2018	PROPOSED 2019	
MANAGER'S SALARY	\$	69,736	\$ 70,661	\$ 72,500	\$ 76,090	
MANAGER'S EXPENSE	\$	3,149	\$ 3,360	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	
TREASURER'S SALARY	\$	8,491	\$ 8,530	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,500	
OFFICE BACK UP	\$	1,575	\$ 1,059	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	
TOWN CLERK SALARY	\$	34,087	\$ 34,409	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,880	
TOWN CLERK SUPPLIES	\$	1,186	\$ 1,037	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	
COPIER LEASE	\$	3,011	\$ 2,624	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
COMPUTER / SOFTWARE	\$	600	\$ 1,302	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500	
TOWN OFFICIAL EXPENSE	\$	5,013	\$ 3,455	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
EDUCATION	\$	1,517	\$ 1,958	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
LISTERS	\$	9,867	\$ 9,013	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,000	
SELECTMEN SALARY	\$	5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
PLAN/ZONING SALARY	\$	647	\$ 215	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,200	
ZONING MILEAGE	\$	298	\$ 63	\$ 300	\$ 200	
ZONING ADMIN. SALARY	\$	10,136	\$ 11,154	\$ 12,200	\$ 12,500	
HEALTH OFFICER SALARY	\$	1,200	\$ 1,048	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	
BOOKKEEPER SALARY	\$	52,241	\$ 49,703	\$ 54,500	\$ 54,964	
HEALTH & DENTAL	\$	14,319	\$ 14,424	\$ 14,755	\$ 23,089	
FICA	\$	19,216	\$ 18,781	\$ 14,750	\$ 13,000	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY	\$	11,358	\$ 14,444	\$ 13,468	\$ 12,712	
WORKERS COMP	\$	626	\$ 797	\$ 698	\$ 884	
RETIREMENT(VMERS)	\$	6,851	\$ 7,926	\$ 8,316	\$ 9,539	
EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE	\$	2,998	\$ 3,790	\$ 3,790	\$ 3,701	
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	\$	1,225	\$ 392	\$ 790	\$ 500	
DISABILITY	\$	814	\$ 863	\$ 900	\$ 900	
PUBLIC OFFICE LIAB	\$	3,502	\$ 4,268	\$ 4,362	\$ 4,386	
AUDITING	\$	15,100	\$ 15,952	\$ 15,100	\$ 15,100	
SINGLE AUDIT	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 3,500	\$ -	
ELECTIONS	\$	2,481	\$ 6,719	\$ 4,600	\$ 5,300	
TAX BILLING	\$	899	\$ 695	\$ 1,000	\$ 800	
DATA PROCESSING	\$	7,448	\$ 4,857	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,000	
LEGAL FEES	\$	1,016	\$ 1,563	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
LEGAL FEES - LISTERS	\$	13,600	\$ 338	\$ -	\$ 2,000	
DELINQUENT TAX EXPENSE	\$	1,946	\$ 10,478	\$ -	\$ -	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$	3,379	\$ 3,906	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	
POSTAGE	\$	1,578	\$ 2,445	\$ 1,800	\$ 2,000	
TOWN REPORT	\$	778	\$ 1,095	\$ 750	\$ 750	
ADVERTISING	\$	3,039	\$ 893	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,000	
TELEPHONE	\$	1,546	\$ 2,271	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,200	
REGIONAL PLANNING	\$	1,285	\$ 925	\$ 925	\$ 925	
VLCT DUES	\$	6,973	\$ 580	\$ 3,632	\$ 3,710	
MISCELLANEOUS	\$	2,250	\$ 1,318	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
GRANT ADMINISTRATION	\$	672	\$ 447	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
Total ADMINISTRATIVE	\$	332,653	\$ 324,758	\$ 339,636	\$ 351,330	3.4%

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND  
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

HIGHWAY	ACTUAL 2016	ACTUAL 2017	BUDGET 2018	PROPOSED 2019	
EQUIPMENT SAVINGS	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	
LABOR	\$ 141,831	\$ 148,635	\$ 151,000	\$ 158,000	
FICA	\$ 7,499	\$ 7,900	\$ 11,574	\$ 9,603	
RETIREMENT (VMERS)	\$ 7,140	\$ 8,075	\$ 7,754	\$ 8,519	
HEALTH & DENTAL	\$ 37,738	\$ 36,402	\$ 38,775	\$ 41,047	
WORKMANS COMP	\$ 9,684	\$ 11,122	\$ 10,815	\$ 12,282	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY	\$ 6,514	\$ 9,164	\$ 7,888	\$ 6,762	
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 627	\$ 246	\$ 580	\$ 400	
DISABILITY	\$ 1,438	\$ 1,460	\$ 1,438	\$ 1,500	
UNIFORMS	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,455	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	
SALT	\$ 63,808	\$ 63,389	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	
SAND	\$ 3,854	\$ 5,413	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	
MAG. CHLORIDE	\$ 3,696	\$ 4,342	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	
ENGINEERING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
CULVERTS	\$ 801	\$ 817	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
GRAVEL	\$ 13,071	\$ 13,264	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	
HOT MIX	\$ 1,038	\$ 1,901	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
RESURFACING	\$ -	\$ 28,500	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	
DUST CONTROL/CHLORIDE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	
COLD PATCH	\$ 1,076	\$ 1,111	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	
EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
LAWN MAINTENANCE	\$ 6,464	\$ 7,565	\$ 6,200	\$ 7,000	
TREE WORK	\$ 520	\$ 1,950	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
TRAFFIC SIGNS	\$ 3,755	\$ 3,448	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
PAGER SERVICE	\$ 539	\$ 539	\$ 550	\$ 550	
TOOLS & MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 3,385	\$ 2,727	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000	
BRIDGE RESERVE	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 44,500	
CATCH BASIN CLEANING	\$ 2,613	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	
CHANNEL MAINTENANCE	\$ 850	\$ 2,175	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
SIDEWALK REPAIR	\$ 3,565	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	
STREET CLEANING	\$ 830	\$ 995	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	\$ -	\$ 16,586	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	
PAVEMENT MARKING	\$ 1,651	\$ 6,320	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	
TRAINING	\$ 116	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ 150	
GAS,OIL,DIESEL	\$ 10,518	\$ 16,328	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	
REPAIR PARTS	\$ 5,029	\$ 4,540	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
OUTSIDE REPAIRS	\$ 2,570	\$ 6,505	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	
TIRES,CHAINS,BATTERIES	\$ 1,375	\$ 3,196	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
PLOW BLADES	\$ 3,836	\$ 2,911	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000	
TOOLS & EQUIPMENT	\$ 1,053	\$ 2,345	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	
INSURANCE - AUTO	\$ 4,077	\$ 4,689	\$ 4,595	\$ 4,572	
RADIOS	\$ 205	\$ 204	\$ 200	\$ 200	
GARAGE HEAT	\$ 3,927	\$ 3,797	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,000	
BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	\$ 3,158	\$ 1,437	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
TELEPHONE	\$ 423	\$ 498	\$ 700	\$ 600	
ELECTRICITY	\$ 1,688	\$ 1,871	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
DATA PROCESSING	\$ 1,007	\$ 1,036	\$ 750	\$ 1,500	
GARAGE LOAN BOND	\$ 22,695	\$ 22,006	\$ 21,662	\$ 22,351	
SAND & SALT SHED BOND	\$ 10,056	\$ 9,403	\$ 9,054	\$ 6,306	
Total HIGHWAY	\$ 472,020	\$ 540,767	\$ 580,485	\$ 628,142	8.2%

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND  
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2016</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2017</b>	<b>BUDGET 2018</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2019</b>	
LABOR	\$ 6,000	\$ 25,250	\$ 25,250	\$ 25,250	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 595	\$ 472	\$ 500	\$ 500	
POSTAGE	\$ 60	\$ 62	\$ 50	\$ 50	
DATA PROCESSING		\$ 595	\$ 600	\$ 600	
TOOLS	\$ 596	\$ 680	\$ 800	\$ 800	
VEHICLE FUEL	\$ 940	\$ 629	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,000	
CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$ 237	\$ 94	\$ 400	\$ 400	
PHONE	\$ 1,446	\$ 1,626	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,600	
TRAINING & DUES	\$ 574	\$ 706	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
INS PROPERTY & CASUALTY	\$ 4,926	\$ 4,948	\$ 4,948	\$ 4,989	
INSURANCE AUTO	\$ 6,589	\$ 6,559	\$ 6,559	\$ 6,289	
WORKMAN'S COMP	\$ 1,767	\$ 4,960	\$ 2,000	\$ 5,000	
ACCIDENT & SICKNESS	\$ 1,770	\$ 1,793	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
BUILDING & GROUNDS MAINT	\$ 4,347	\$ 3,586	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	
UNIFORMS	\$ 731	\$ 218	\$ 750	\$ 750	
ELECTRIC	\$ 3,001	\$ 2,708	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,000	
HEATING FUEL	\$ 2,926	\$ 2,580	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,000	
CAP. EQUIPMENT SAVINGS	\$ 10,450	\$ 10,450	\$ 10,450	\$ 10,450	
COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 2,213	\$ 3,302	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,400	
TRUCK MAINTENANCE	\$ 4,830	\$ 3,366	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000	
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$ 5,790	\$ 2,522	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	
SNOW REMOVAL	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	
SCBA FIT TESTING	\$ 260	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	
MISCELLANEOUS		\$ 303	\$ 500	\$ 500	
TRUCK SAVINGS	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	
BOND PAYMENT	\$ 76,399	\$ 81,165	\$ 76,672	\$ 85,389	
<b>Total FIRE DEPT</b>	<b>\$ 168,647</b>	<b>\$ 190,774</b>	<b>\$ 191,579</b>	<b>\$ 202,167</b>	<b>5.5%</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2016</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2017</b>	<b>BUDGET 2018</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2019</b>	
STREET LIGHTS	\$ 37,457	\$ 37,413	\$ 38,000	\$ 38,500	
SOLID WASTE MGT	\$ 1,346	\$ 1,088	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,500	
LIBRARY	\$ 43,200	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	
MEMORIAL DAY	\$ 380	\$ 3,282	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,000	
<b>Total MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>\$ 82,383</b>	<b>\$ 91,783</b>	<b>\$ 90,800</b>	<b>\$ 93,000</b>	<b>2.4%</b>
<b>TOWN HALL</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2016</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2017</b>	<b>BUDGET 2018</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2019</b>	
MAINTENANCE LABOR	\$ 2,721	\$ 6,421	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000	
INSPECTIONS - ELEVATOR, ETC.	\$ 1,957	\$ 2,508	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	
JANITORIAL / ADDTNL LABOR	\$ 6,746	\$ 4,512	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,000	
ELECTRIC	\$ 7,578	\$ 6,847	\$ 7,400	\$ 7,400	
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 3,713	\$ 1,817	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	
FUEL OIL	\$ 6,886	\$ 6,943	\$ 13,000	\$ 10,000	
ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 319	\$ 58	\$ 500	\$ 500	
IMPROVEMENTS-RESERVE	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	
BOND PAYMENT	\$ 10,056	\$ 9,403	\$ 9,054	\$ 6,306	
NEW BOND PAYMENT	\$ 48,920	\$ 48,372	\$ 47,672	\$ 50,305	
<b>Total TOWN HALL</b>	<b>\$ 98,896</b>	<b>\$ 96,881</b>	<b>\$ 105,127</b>	<b>\$ 102,011</b>	<b>-3.0%</b>



**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND  
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

<b>LAW ENFORCEMENT</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2016</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2017</b>	<b>BUDGET 2018</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2019</b>	
POLICE ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ 7,644	\$ 8,284	\$ 7,644	\$ 5,216	
HUMANE SOCIETY	\$ -		\$ 200	\$ 200	
POLICE FORCE-LABOR	\$ 69,332	\$ 70,685	\$ 73,159	\$ 75,587	
Total LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$ 76,976	\$ 78,969	\$ 81,003	\$ 81,003	0.0%
<b>RECREATION</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2016</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2017</b>	<b>BUDGET 2018</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2019</b>	
ELECTRIC	\$ 494	\$ 505	\$ 600	\$ 600	
TELEPHONE	\$ 474	\$ 594	\$ 600	\$ -	
LABOR	\$ 5,726	\$ 3,976	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	
WORKERS COMP / UNEMPLOY	\$ 188	\$ 14	\$ 24	\$ 10	
SUPPLIES / EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,568	\$ 391	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
BUILDING AND GROUNDS MAINT	\$ 987	\$ 2,137	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY INS.	\$ 843	\$ 628	\$ 1,027	\$ 541	
HEATING FUEL	\$ 714	\$ 488	\$ 1,000	\$ 600	
GIRLS SOFTBALL	\$ 2,350	\$ 1,348	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
BOYS BASEBALL	\$ 2,576	\$ 2,208	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	
SPONSOR BANNERS	\$ -	\$ 110	\$ 600	\$ 600	
CONSTRUCTION	\$ -	\$ 11,530	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
BABE RUTH	\$ 1,137	\$ 2,627	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500	
MITEY MITES/T BALL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
SKATING RINK	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	
SENIOR MEALS	\$ 1,528	\$ 1,284	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	
MISC PROGRAMS	\$ 1,685	\$ 1,504	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	
MARKETING / SPECIAL EVENTS	\$ 3,184	\$ 3,094	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000	
FIELD MOWING	\$ 7,171	\$ 6,115	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	
TOWN FOREST MAINTENANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	
MARBLE STREET PARK	\$ 306	\$ 154	\$ 500	\$ 200	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 25,000	
Total RECREATION	\$ 51,931	\$ 48,707	\$ 51,851	\$ 67,051	29.3%
<b>COUNTY TAX</b>	\$ 12,500	\$ 14,593	\$ 14,593	\$ 14,022	-3.9%
<b>OTHER</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2016</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2017</b>	<b>BUDGET 2018</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2019</b>	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$ 1,986	\$ 3,253	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
REDEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ 10,000	
GREEN UP	\$ -	\$ 86	\$ 200	\$ 200	
PROPERTY MAPPING REVISIONS	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	
STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 4,716	\$ 1,962	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,762	\$ 4,163	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,000	
RUTLAND REGIONAL AMBULANCE	\$ 9,304	\$ 9,304	\$ 9,304	\$ 9,304	
Total OTHER	\$ 17,768	\$ 20,268	\$ 99,004	\$ 32,004	-67.7%
<b>BUDGET GRAND TOTAL</b>	\$ 1,313,774	\$ 1,407,500	\$ 1,554,079	\$ 1,570,730	1.1%

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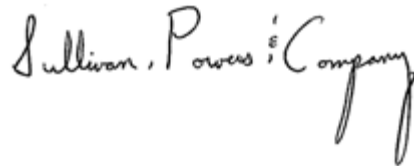
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December 28, 2017

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We have audited the financial statements of the Town of West Rutland, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017.

The financial statements and our report thereon are available for public inspection at the Town Manager's Office.

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# DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

June 30, 2017

Name		Previous Years	2016-2017
Alberico	Darrell J		\$2,965.94
Bartlett	Philip J	#\$4,409.09	\$2,210.57
Bassett	Joseph	**\$1,080.41	**\$1,240.66
Belden	Patrick	#\$961.40	\$1,754.60
Bletz	Donald		*\$539.88
Bradley	Eric		*\$1,052.93
Brewster	Todd	**\$4,957.18	**\$3,402.05
Brzoza	Stanley		*\$4.28
Burrell	Nancy		*\$11.33
Chamberland	George		*\$259.66
Coombs	Francesca	**\$405.81	**\$2,240.94
Cox	Gregory		*\$139.96
Cox	Gregory		*\$24.45
Curtis	Glen		*\$1,012.57
Dee-Cliff Farm			\$18.90
Dumas	Robert		*\$1,282.44
Fitzgerald	Scott	**\$2,882.87	**\$4,825.23
Garcia	Danny		\$429.10
Grandchamp	David	*\$5,419.24	*2,347.22
Grant	Erica		\$745.61
Henry	Michael, Jr.	*\$3,214.21	*\$4,219.74
Higgins	Patrick		**\$3,044.30
Higgins	Patrick		*\$970.89
Hyjek	Helen		\$610.67
Johnson	Kevin		*\$1,557.56
Kurant	John C Jr.		**\$728.42
Lebo	Sandra		\$1,414.02
Lloyd	Debra		\$1,183.19
Long	Stephen P	**\$7,981.88	**\$2,717.02
McDevitt	Patrick		*\$481.22
Meyer	Rene		*\$1,051.52
Miller	Gary		#\$1,040.91
Mills	Connie		*\$1,989.61
Nayla LLC			*\$1,608.83
Nayla LLC			*\$1,972.19
Patch	Veeda		*\$23.36
Pierce	Brian		\$2,030.00
Prevendoski	Charles	**\$3,049.52	**\$2,878.79
Ray	Mary		\$986.26
Reed	Rebecca		**\$1,396.17
Sanford	Dylan	#\$15,351.28	\$4,439.20
Serrani	Joseph		*\$854.20
Sevigny	Charlotte	\$9,198.23	\$2,932.53
Sheridan	Lisa		*\$3,120.20
Sienicki	Phil	**\$611.27	**\$1,615.46
Smith	Dennis		\$2,175.48
Soroka	Ronald		*\$696.55
Sprague	Bethany		\$1,881.08
Thompson	Lori M	**\$64.16	**\$2,610.47
Thornton	Michael A.		**\$3,647.33
Trigo	Linda		*\$968.66
Tuttle	Timothy	**\$1,350.82	**\$3,216.48
Wortman	Clayton J		\$2,883.20
		Total	\$60,937.37
			\$90,534.28
*Paid	#Tax Sale		
**Agreement	Totals do not include interest		

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND  
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

**WATER DEPARTMENT**

<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2016</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2017</b>	<b>BUDGET 2018</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2019</b>	<b>change</b>
SALARIES	48,994	49,685	60,278	62,140	
ASSISTANT LABOR	8,511	8,402	1,000	1,000	
ADMINISTRATIVE REIMBURSEMENT	13,500	13,500	13,500	13,500	
FICA	4,272	4,305	4,534	3,853	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	933	662	700	700	
DATA PROCESSING	-	-	500	500	
ADVERTISING	254	42	500	200	
CONTRIBUTIONS & SUBSIDIES	356	350	500	350	
HEALTH/ & DENTAL INS	9,811	9,842	13,584	14,781	
RETIREMENT VMERS	2,158	3,046	3,260	3,180	
DISABILITY INS	394	418	382	418	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE	2,739	2,826	3,230	2,164	
WORKERS COMP INS	2,268	3,914	2,372	3,662	
UNEMPLOYMENT INS	224	91	190	100	
TESTING & SAMPLING	1,100	1,480	1,500	1,500	
PERMITS	4,020	5,371	5,512	5,600	
POSTAGE	-	-	225	200	
Total ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET	99,534	103,934	111,767	113,848	1.9%
<b>WELL &amp; LINE OPERATIONS</b>					
PUMP & WELL SUPPLIES	118	57	500	500	
CHLORINE & CHEMICALS	539	709	500	500	
PHONE	283	404	500	400	
PAGER SERVICE	329	258	300	300	
CONTRACT SERVICES	1,250	-	1,500	1,500	
WELL/PLANT MAINTENANCE	4,655	4,949	5,000	5,000	
TANK MAINTENANCE	-	200	1,500	1,500	
METER PURCHASE/REPAIR	6,216	9,618	2,000	2,000	
LINE MAINTENANCE	45,778	23,768	20,000	25,000	
PROPANE-WELL	908	459	1,500	1,000	
ELECTRIC-WELLS	44,351	37,310	38,000	38,000	
ELECTRIC-PINE HILL	2,091	2,225	2,200	2,200	
PROPANE-PINE HILL	252	200	500	400	
PHONE-PINE HILL	282	412	500	500	
ELECTRIC-CLARK HILL VALVE VAULT	987	908	1,100	1,000	
HYDRANT MAINTENANCE	49	-	100	100	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT/RESERVE	10,000	20,000	20,000	25,000	
VEHICLE INSURANCE	658	757	757	738	
VEHICLE FUEL	666	906	1,000	900	
VEHICLE MAINT.	149	806	500	500	
UNIFORMS	561	633	660	660	
TRAINING	833	731	1,500	1,000	
ENGINEERING	-	-	2,000	2,000	
PUBLICATION EXPENSE-CCR	-	-	200	200	
GENERATOR MAINTENANCE	850	850	1,500	1,500	
Total WELL & LINE	121,805	106,160	103,817	112,398	
BOND PRINCIPLE & INTEREST	186,519	186,519	186,414	190,512	
Total Water Department	407,858	396,613	401,998	416,758	3.7%

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND  
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

<b>WASTEWATER EXPENSES</b>	<b>FY 16 ACTUAL</b>	<b>FY 17 ACTUAL</b>	<b>FY 18 BUDGET</b>	<b>FY 19 PROPOSED</b>	<b>change</b>
SALARIES	97,295	100,524	102,186	104,524	
HEALTH/DENTAL INSURANCE	20,852	19,920	24,441	26,568	
DISABILITY INSURANCE	806	849	692	850	
WORKMAN'S COMP	4,605	2,016	3,559	5,493	
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	363	182	467	200	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY	5,694	5,338	6,621	4,868	
F I C A	7,204	7,407	7,817	6,076	
RETIREMENT (VMERS)	3,948	5,366	5,620	5,390	
UNIFORMS	1,181	1,002	1,140	1,140	
ASSIST LABOR	-	-	1,000	1,000	
ADMIN REIMBURSEMENT	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	
DATA PROCESSING	890	739	500	500	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	50,000	50,000	50,000	55,000	
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	1,320	1,968	1,500	1,000	
VEHICLE INSURANCE	1,364	1,569	1,569	1,530	
VEHICLE-FUEL	1,252	1,019	1,500	1,300	
LAB CHEMICALS	1,615	2,493	1,000	1,200	
LAB EQUIPMENT	1,024	2,919	1,500	1,500	
INSTRUMENTATION & CONTROL	4,533	4,138	1,500	3,000	
SOLID WASTE REMOVAL	1,747	1,734	1,700	1,700	
LAB TESTING	3,091	3,001	4,000	3,500	
SODA ASH	1,002	1,001	1,200	1,200	
SODIUM ALLUMINATE	3,929	13,002	7,000	7,000	
UV BULBS	1,766	3,758	2,500	2,500	
TELEPHONE	1,114	1,413	1,400	1,400	
MODEM PHONE EXPENSE	505	1,358	800	1,400	
PAGING SERVICE	329	258	300	300	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,023	1,219	1,200	1,200	
MISCELLANEOUS	2,305	1,093	1,000	1,000	
TRAINING / EDUCATION	1,133	705	1,000	1,000	
PLANT MAINTENANCE	7,617	10,462	10,000	12,000	
ENGINEERING/PLANNING	-	-	5,000	5,000	
HEATING FUEL	6,158	5,115	10,000	8,000	
UV ROOM HEAT	1,392	720	1,500	1,500	
EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE	-	350	2,000	2,000	
LAWN SERVICE	1,335	1,305	1,500	1,500	
GENERATOR MAINTENANCE	1,800	1,800	2,000	1,800	
SEWER LINE MAINTENANCE	4,279	14,958	10,000	10,000	
SLUDGE MANAGEMENT	26,300	51,927	28,000	30,000	
ANNUAL OPERATING PERMIT	1,350	1,350	1,350	1,350	
MANHOLE MAINTENANCE	934	-	1,500	3,000	
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>289,055</b>	<b>339,978</b>	<b>323,562</b>	<b>335,489</b>	
PLANT - ELECTRIC	20,014	18,218	20,000	20,000	
PUMP STATION MAINTENANCE	6,995	428	6,000	6,000	
ELM STREET	4,897	4,827	5,000	5,000	
ELM ST FUEL	614	428	1,000	800	
HARRISON AVENUE	2,341	2,212	3,000	3,000	
HARRISON AVENUE PROPANE	6	276	150	300	
BARNES STREET	934	898	1,500	1,000	
BAXTER STREET	400	390	500	500	
CLARENDON AVENUE	2,249	1,653	2,500	2,500	
CLARENDON AVENUE PROPANE	-	68	150	150	
MAIN STREET	1,281	1,081	1,200	1,200	
THRALL AVENUE	344	362	500	500	
ELECTRIC ROUTE 4	-	314	500	500	
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>40,075</b>	<b>31,155</b>	<b>42,000</b>	<b>41,450</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>329,130</b>	<b>371,133</b>	<b>365,562</b>	<b>376,939</b>	
<b>BOND PRINCIPLE &amp; INTEREST</b>	<b>127,025</b>	<b>142,720</b>	<b>127,025</b>	<b>127,025</b>	
<b>Total Wastewater Treatment Dept.</b>	<b>456,155</b>	<b>513,853</b>	<b>492,587</b>	<b>503,964</b>	<b>2.31%</b>



# DELINQUENT UTILITIES

June 30, 2017

Abatiell	Marc	*\$14.66	Lacz	Jeffrey/Robin	\$850.93
Agard	John/Stephanie	\$406.02	LaFlam	Jody/Diana	*\$469.18
Austin	Charles	\$866.41	Lafond	Thomas/Denise	\$408.93
Axelson	Renee	\$472.81	Lasante	William/Joan	*\$294.09
Bartlett	Philip	#\$2,124.23	Lawless	Christina	**\$804.33
Bassett	Joseph	**\$685.17	Lehman	Cheri	**\$689.26
Bedard	Mark/Traci	**\$929.94	Lloyd	Debra	\$733.45
Bills	Dale	\$359.17	Logan	Paul/Jennifer	*\$407.88
Borowy	Stanislaus/Krystyna	\$438.78	Long	Stephen	**\$1,011.35
Boudreau	David/Kathleen	*\$3.05	Loso	Gary	**\$262.42
Boyd	Elizabeth/Michael	*\$381.14	Maksimovic	Sasa	*\$50.43
Boynton	Michael	\$545.95	Martell	Shawn	*\$13.21
Breyette	Michael	*\$7.35	Martin	Rebecca	*\$109.32
Burrell	Nancy	*\$428.46	Martin	Steve	*\$702.16
Carlson	John	*\$417.97	Martucio	Margaret	**\$608.65
Carving Studio		*\$3.78	McDevitt	Patrick	\$531.98
Chadwick	Julie	\$380.34	McLaren	Paul/Tammy	**\$743.87
Chamberland	George	\$660.41	Mills	Connie	*\$844.57
Chandler	Holly	*\$772.75	Moore	Thomas	**\$692.84
Chandler	Holly	*\$402.90	Nayla LLC		*\$19.32
Clifford	Gary	\$822.91	Nayla LLC		*\$22.03
Converse	Sheila	\$3.81	Patch	Veeda	*\$424.20
Coombs	Francesca	**\$403.59	Pease	John R. Jr.	*\$425.15
Cushman	Steve	\$356.79	Peters	Hal Mitchell	**\$977.24
Cyr	Robert/Sondra	\$2,095.66	Picard	Jason	\$409.74
Czarnecki	John/Stella	*\$216.26	Poczobut	Eric H.	*\$399.24
Davis	Bettina	\$329.90	Prevendoski	Charles	*\$918.62
Despierre	Donald	*\$9.75	Reed	Rebecca	\$591.56
Dow	Richard/Karen	\$547.47	Reeves	Holly	*\$387.49
Duncan	Charles/Kristi	**\$1,228.60	Reynolds	Jeff/Mary	*\$68.19
English	Tammy	**\$1,405.10	Rivers	Michael/Heather	**\$741.68
Fales	Chad/Amy	\$784.73	Sanford	Dylan/Maia	#\$2,539.36
Fitzgerald	Kathy	\$861.92	Serrani	Patricia	\$383.46
Fleming	Jeremy	\$426.42	Seigny	Charlotte	\$5,268.11
Fowler	Leonard/Lindsey	**\$615.05	Sienicki	Phil	\$459.54
Furman	Zachary	\$190.55	Smith	Deborah	\$4.03
Gelbar	Edward/Karena	\$893.01	Smith	Richard	\$573.00
Geryk	Robert/Veronica	**\$687.38	Soroka	Ronald/Barbara	*\$391.18
Graham	Bonnie	**\$876.64	Sorrentino	John	**\$603.92
Grandchamp	Betty	**\$412.53	Terounzo	Joseph	*\$422.69
Grandchamp	David/Joanne	*\$1,294.20	Testa	John	*\$3.70
Grant	Erica	\$388.71	Therrien	Elizabeth	*\$560.42
Greene	Lauretta	**\$215.99	Therrien	Kyle/Sarah	*\$437.42
Griffith	Justin/Christy	*\$397.65	Thompson	Lori	*\$172.71
Hawver	Perry/Frances	*\$207.45	Thornton	Michael/Rosita	**\$807.05
Hepburn	Dillon	*\$551.14	Torres	Tina	\$1,101.10
Higgins	Patrick/Deborah	**\$703.13	Trigo	Linda	*\$100.88
Higgins	Patrick/Deborah	**\$1,194.07	Turco	Steven	*\$666.03
Holden	William	*\$540.00	Viggue	Ronald, Jr.	*\$204.64
Jalbert	William	\$582.33	Webster	Rick	**\$741.46
Johnson	Dennis	\$457.91	Welch	Daniel	\$392.20
JP Morgan Chase Bank		\$2,937.10	Whitt	Gary/Priscilla	*\$245.45
Kearney	Kevin/Kim	**\$2,010.53	Wilk	Christopher	\$355.00
Kellogg	Michele	\$1,163.04	Wilk & Wilk Realty Inc.		*\$173.34
Kinsman	Rita	**\$847.07	Wolk	Steven	*\$700.30
Korzun	Constance/Stephen	*\$804.43	Wysolmerski	Sigismund	\$1,032.26
Krohn	Michael	*\$4.02			

**TOTAL**

**\$71,885.67**

\*Paid

\*\*Payment Agreement

#Tax Sale

## REPORT OF THE WATER AND WASTEWATER DIVISIONS

We are happy to see the new water and wastewater lines along the Route 4 East corridor that were added to our existing systems are on line and working well. We are working with customers and the State to get some permits issued and get the homes and businesses connected. The Center Rutland pump station is hooked in and we are taking in that wastewater. The landscape along the excavation has been restored and looks pretty nice.

We would like to take a bit of your time and point out some things that homeowners and other users of the water and wastewater systems could do to make the systems work better and cost less to operate. One of the best ways to help is to make sure that what goes into the waste stream is free of all fat and grease. The fat and grease can cause many problems from plugging the sewer mains to fouling the operation of the wastewater facility. Also, please be careful what you flush, many of the new flushable towelettes do not break down fast and they can plug pumps and sewer lines. When you use the water, please be sure to only run the tap when you need the water and make sure that any leaks are repaired as soon as possible.

If you hear what sounds like water running and you are not using water, please call us and we will come out and check for a leak in our line. If you see anyone other than us opening any manholes, please call us! And if you live near a fire hydrant, we want to thank you for shoveling the snow and keeping the grass and brush trimmed from around it. Please be sure to run your water on extremely cold nights if you have experienced frozen water in the past.

We also want to thank Mary Ann and the Board for their continued support. The staff at the town hall are also a great help when we need them. We also continue to work with and get help from the road crew, thank you.

Thank you,

Ed Savage, Superintendent

Frank Gorham, Operator and Seth Pietryka, Operator



New Hydrant and line markers on extension to Center Rutland

# **WEST RUTLAND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

## **2017**

The highway department wants to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

As we enter 2018 we would like to share some of the projects we completed in 2017. These projects include a new sidewalk on Main Street as well as handicap ramps on existing sidewalks around town. We also installed a new culvert and access road to the recreation center off of Boardman Hill. We did work on Clark Hill with the help of a Back Roads Grant that we received. Some of the other projects we worked on around town included fixing basins on Pleasant Street, installing concrete pads at the dog park for benches and we assisted the school in digging out the parking lot.

As always, the following are items we are continuously working on: sweeping, line painting on crosswalks, hauling gravel, grading of roads and road side mowing.

We also are continuing our partnership with the West Rutland Water and Sewer department as well as with Rutland Town Highway department

We would once again like to thank the residents of West Rutland for all your continued cooperation and support.

Frank Woolf, Road Supervisor

David Zawistowski, Assistant Road Supervisor

Steve Duprey.

# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

## 2017

The Town Clerk's office is full of statistics. Here are a few:

- Recorded 1334 pages in Land Records
- Town Clerk fees were \$14,986.00
- Restoration Fees and Digitizing Fees totaled \$4,060.81. These fees are for preservation of old records and scanning of new records.

Vital Statistics are as follows:

- 28 Births
- 24 Deaths
- 11 Marriages

We did 292 dog licenses totaling \$2,628.00 in fees:

- \$1,460.00 was paid to the state for their rabies and neutering program.
- License costs for spayed and neutered dogs are \$14.00. Unspayed/unneutered dog licenses are \$18.00.
- A dog and cat rabies clinic is held every spring for the pet owner's convenience. This year's clinic will be **Saturday, March 24, 2017** at the **Town Garage 10-12 AM**. Dr. Carini will be there again this year. Post cards will be sent out to remind everyone.

The Town Clerk's office continues to do vehicle registration renewals.

- This year we processed 89 renewals. These renewals generated \$267.00 in fees.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming March Election to be held on **March 6, 2018**. Poll hours will be **10:00am - 7:00pm**. There is plenty of Handicap Parking by the side door entrance. As always, the elevator is there for your use. Please call if you would like to request an **Absentee Ballot (802) 438-2204**.

The Town Clerk's Office has an open door, full service policy and we are here to serve you. Our office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00am to 3:00pm. Friday office hours are by appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Wener, Town Clerk

## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR (ZA) REPORT – Fiscal Year 2016-17

The ZA reviewed 41 zoning permit applications in the past fiscal year; a similar level of activity as the previous year. As with many neighboring towns, new house construction is far below that of pre-recession levels, but permits for new rental units are up. Two local businesses received permits to expand their facilities.

### Summary of permits requested:

Residential (attached to the residence): additions, decks, porches	10
Accessory (detached) Structures: garages, sheds, pools, fences	10
New Single Family Residences (stick-built, modular, panel, log, mobile homes)	2
Commercial Projects, Changes of Use, Home Occupations, Signs	7
Demolitions (Note that a VT Asbestos Certification may also be required)	3
Miscellaneous; Earthen Fill (greater than 2 dump truck loads)	2
Signs (business)	1
Subdivisions, Boundary Line Adjustments	4
Barns, Agricultural Structures (to qualified farmers)	1
Denied or Withdrawn Applications	<u>1</u>
<b>Total # applications</b>	<b>41</b>

The **Planning Commission** has updated the Town Plan and established a **VT Designated Downtown District**. This state program offers property owners in the district a number of benefits, including tax credits for energy efficiency & building code improvements, and other structure maintenance. Contact the Town Manager for details on this program.

Future Planning Commission assignments include updating the (decade old) Zoning Regulations. To accomplish this important work, **the PLANNING COMMISSION REALLY NEEDS AT LEAST TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS**; joining Denis Lincoln, Jayne Pratt, and Leona Minard. Requirements are a desire to contribute to the future of your community, common sense, and approximately three hours per month. If interested, please contact Denis Lincoln or this Zoning Administrator for more information.

The **Planning Commission** holds regular meetings at the Town Office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month, starting at 7:00 pm. Agendas & meeting minutes are in the Post Office and on the West Rutland Town website. Please attend and participate!

The **Development Review Board** holds meetings as required on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. The Board reviewed and approved seven commercial or subdivision applications.

F.Y.I, the Zoning, Flood Hazard, & Subdivision Regulations (as well as application forms) are available on the town website. Section 1104 (Page 51) of the Zoning Regulations identifies **EXEMPTIONS for a required permit**. Even if your project clearly qualifies as an exemption, I suggest you check with the ZA and receive a written confirmation. If NOT on this list of exemptions, a local permit is likely required. I am usually available to assist you on completing the permit or site plan on Mondays, or on Thursday mornings; and you may contact me at [zoning@westrutlandvt.org](mailto:zoning@westrutlandvt.org) or 438-2204 ext. 16. **Jeffrey Biasuzzi, Zoning Administrator**



# **WEST RUTLAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD**

## **Report for 2017**

Our board consists of Rick Hart (new member), Anthony Ponto, James Mumford, Denis Lincoln (Vice Chair), and Michael Moser (Board Chair).

The Board works with Jeffrey Biasuzzi, the West Rutland Zoning Administrator when cases for consideration are brought before the Board.

I'd like to thank the Board Members for their dedication of time and thoughtful attention to each case with which we were presented. Our goal is to examine each case brought before us by the Zoning Administrator, and to use as a "yardstick" the regulations with which we are provided to insure that a fair ruling can be equally applied.

Our challenge and desire is to provide equal judgement as we serve the citizens of West Rutland, Vermont.

Our meetings are open to the public on the third Wednesday of the month, as needed, and are held in the Conference Room of the West Rutland Town Hall at 7:00 pm.

If you have any questions concerning the Development Review Board, you can contact the Zoning Administrator, Jeffrey Biasuzzi at 438-2204 Ext. 16.

We look forward to continuing our service to the community and the cases brought before the Board in 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael Moser – Chairman  
West Rutland Development Review Board

## FRIENDS OF THE WEST RUTLAND TOWN HALL

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PO Box 591  
West Rutland, Vermont 05777

Balance July 1, 2016	\$	551.03
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### Receipts

Friendship Tree	\$	1,101.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,101.00</b>

### Expenses

General Fund	\$	223.15
Friendship Tree	\$	344.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>567.15</b>

<b>Balance June 30, 2017</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,084.88</b>
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### Current Assets (Dec. 28, 2017)

Checking Account	\$	944.87
Heritage Fam. Svgs.	\$	28.16
Heritage Fam. MM	\$	11,139.22

<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,112.25</b>
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Our nice facility continues to be used and enjoyed by many people.

If anyone would like more information about the Friends of the Town Hall, please call the town office at 438-2263.

# WEST RUTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 385 West Rutland, VT. 05777

The West Rutland Historical Society is a 501 c (3) non-profit organization incorporated with the purpose to further the recognition of and interest in the history of West Rutland, Vermont. It serves as a medium through which the members may collect, archive and exchange current information. Also, it aims to serve as an educational vehicle in acquainting the general public with the historical contributions of the people and the community of West Rutland, Vermont.

Officers and Trustees for 2017 are: President: Peter Kulig, Vice-President: Mary Reczek, Secretary: Deb Jasmin, Treasurer: Barb Trepanier. Board of Trustees: Chris Mathewson, Donald Sevigny, Beth Moser, Stan Jagodzinski and Margie Salengo.

At the April 11, 2017 meeting of the Society, Mr. Tom Giffin, an officer of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association and also the Cemetery Commissioner for the City of Rutland, gave a presentation to the membership outlining the actions his organization has taken to restore and preserve some of the oldest cemeteries in Rutland County. His talk served as a catalyst for the Society to start our own plan to begin a restoration project for the Town's historic 18<sup>th</sup> century Pleasant Street cemetery.

The cemetery restoration project started on Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> when a group of volunteers, under the direction of Mr. Giffin began to straighten and repair several damaged head stones. Others set out to clean the dirt, moss and lichen from the grave stones to make the inscriptions more visible. The Society would like to offer its gratitude to Mr. Giffin and the volunteers from Comcast who spent several hours that morning doing some monstrous heavy lifting to lift and re-set some of the toppled markers. We would also like to extend our thanks to all the other volunteers who helped out that day and on many more work details through the summer months. Among them are our Town Manager, our Town Highway and Garage crew, members of the West Rutland American Legion and Legion Auxiliary, Rutland County State Senate and State Representatives, Christ the King school students, Marble Valley Correctional Facility officers, DAR members, Historical Society members and local community members. Their efforts have helped to preserve an area important to West Rutland's history considering many of the names found on the inscriptions in the Pleasant Street cemetery are still familiar to us all some 200 hundred years later and are visible on street names and areas like: Thrall, Slason, Boardman, Smith, Chapman, Mead, Blanchard, Whipple and many more.

To round out our year, the Society convened on the evening of November 17, 2017 to hear a presentation with a Veteran's Day theme by Fair Haven Author Martin Irons. Mr. Irons talked about his book: Phalanx against the Divine Wind – Protecting the Fast Carrier Task Force during World War 2 and the heroic exploits of local sailors in the Pacific Theater of operations.

# **WEST RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY**

## **2017**

The West Rutland Free Library would like to thank the residents of West Rutland for their support in 2017 and for their generous donations. Thank you for thinking of us.

Last year we loaned out 5,949 DVDs, 5,064 books and 56 Passes. We registered 186 new patrons and cataloged 3,993 items. Currently we have 661 active patrons.

In 2017 we participated in the Vermont Fairy Tale Festival in Killington. Our participation was The Princess and the Pea. We had a beautiful display tent created from mostly donated props. We also had crafts and treats for children. It was a beautiful day and we are very happy to have been a part of the festival. Thank you to Susan Edwards for being there all day and helping to set up and take down the display.

The first through fourth grades visited the library. They had a tour and learned about the process of borrowing materials, how our library works and what we offer. It was wonderful to see all the enthusiastic students and they had a fun time and we enjoyed having them here.

There are many parks/museum passes for free or discounted admission available for our patrons. They are: Echo Aquarium, Billings Farm and Museum, Hildene, Shelburne Museum, Southern Vermont Natural History Museum, Wonderfeet Museum, VINS and Vermont Historical Sights and Parks.

Thank you to our volunteers who spend time helping at the library.

We try to anticipate the needs of our patrons by having new materials, books, and DVDs available to borrow. Our library is more than just a building that lends out materials. We encourage people to come in to use the free WiFi or a computer. Feel free to stay awhile and surf the 'net or read.

Storytime and Lego Club are offered and 2018 will bring programs for crafting, adult coloring, couponing, children's one on one reading and others. Please suggest an event or activity you are interested in.

Our Board Members are: Joe Salengo, Bill Harvey, Barbara Trepanier, Patty Kulig, Carl Wener, and Shelly Williams.

Please stop in and see the beautiful memorial clock dedicated to Barbara Wiskoski our beloved long time librarian.

# Budget

INCOME	
Town of West Rutland	\$50,000
Proctor Trust Fund	\$15,908
Donations	\$5,050
Miscellaneous	\$245
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$71,203</b>

EXPENDITURES	
Equipment & Maintenance	\$3,350
Books, Dvds Magazines	\$10,000
Utilities	\$7,500
Library Consortium	\$700
Patron Programs	\$500
Postage & Courier	\$1,000
Printing & Office Supplies	\$1,400
Telephone & Internet	\$1,600
Insurance	\$3,200
Miscellaneous	\$500
Travel, Meetings Staff Development	\$300
Salaries & Wages	\$35,000
Payroll Taxes	\$8,900
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$73,950</b>

MONEY LEFT OVER	
Income minus expenses	-\$2,747

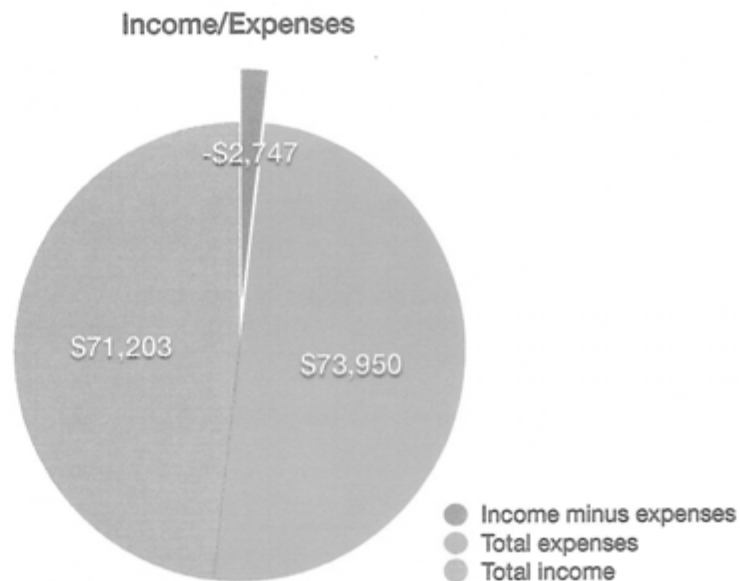


Table 1

2017	Budget	Actual thru 12/31/17	Variance			
Equipment Rentals	500	639	-139			
Maintenance Supplies	350	280	70			
Technology Maintenance	1500	1400	100			
Other Maintenance	1000	414	586			
Electricity	3800	4274	-474			
Fuel	2750	348	2402			
Water & Sewer	900	515	385			
Books, DVDs, Magazines	10000	7285	2715			
Library Consortium	1000	700	300			
Patron Programs	2500	125	2375			
Postage & Courier	980	313	667			
Print & Copies	850	534	316			
Office Supplies	1400	397	1033			
Telephone	1200	1590	-390			
Insurance	3000	3130	-130			
Miscellaneous	500	979	-479			
Travel & Meetings	200	58	142			
Staff Development	300	0	300			
Salaries & Wages	34619	32048	2571			
Payroll Taxes	8891	8539	352			
Kindle Fund	50	385	-335			
Totals	76290	63953	12367			



# West Rutland Fire Department

P.O. Box 206

West Rutland, VT 05777

## 2016 – 2017 Annual Report of the Fire Chief

It is my honor once again to provide the Annual Report of the Fire Chief to the citizens of the Town of West Rutland. The West Rutland Fire Department provides primary response to fire, hazardous material, and rescue incidents within our town.

Our department is currently served by 18 very dedicated members who spend hundreds of hours each year responding to emergency calls, enhancing their skills by training, and performing upkeep and maintenance on our facility and equipment. Firefighters Andrew FitzGerald, Cliff Jagodzinski, and Dillon Notte took the initiative to advance their certifications to Firefighter II this year, which is a great accomplishment. This year we recognized Firefighter Chris Jakubiak for 30 years of service, Assistant Chief Tom Lacz for 30 years of service, and Chief Joe Skaza for 45 years of service.

Our community is very fortunate to be served by all our dedicated firefighters who respond at a moment's notice to your calls for assistance. This includes the families of our firefighters for their continued patience, support, and understanding when we are called to duty. I would also like to thank the residents of West Rutland for your continued support of the fire department.

Any West Rutland resident who is interested in serving our community as a firefighter can obtain more information by contacting the fire chief. Applicants must have a willingness to serve their community, be a legal resident of the Town of West Rutland, have a valid driver's license, and be a citizen in good standing.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Skaza  
Chief

## Current Firefighter Roster

Name	Years of Service	Name	Years of Service
Joseph Skaza, Chief	45	Rodney Kenyon	17
Steve Czachor, Fire Warden	39	Jeffrey Wos	12
Thomas Lacz, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief	30	Tyler Alexander	6
Christopher Jakubiak	30	Andrew FitzGerald	4
Pete Guay	26	Tyler Bathalon	3
Jeff Lacz	24	Josh Webster	2
Michael Skaza, 1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief	24	David Joslin	2
Lori Lyons, Clerk	21	Dillon Notte	1
Scott FitzGerald	17	Cliff Jagodzinski	1



### **2017 Emergency Call Volume**

Mutual Aid Call	18	Outside Burning Complaint	2
Motor Vehicle Accident	14	Smoke Condition in a Building	2
Fire Alarm Activation	12	Citizen Assist	1
Smoke/Odor Investigation	3	Chimney Fire	1
Motor Vehicle Fire	3	Furnace Malfunction	1
Carbon Monoxide Detector Alarm	2	Hazardous Materials Incident	1

#### ***Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors save lives!***

Make sure that you have working smoke detectors near your bedrooms and on every level of the home. You should have at least one carbon monoxide detector near your bedrooms. Test them monthly and change the batteries twice a year.

#### ***Post your address number clearly.***

When an emergency occurs, it is important that emergency services can quickly locate the incident. Please be sure that you display your address number in a location that can easily be seen from the roadway. Posting your address number helps us to find both you and your neighbors quickly.

#### ***Outdoor Burning Regulations***

Burn permits are required for outside burning within the Town of West Rutland and can be obtained by calling Forest Fire Warden Steve Czachor at 438-2840. Permits can only be issued for the burning of natural products when conditions are safe and burning will not create a nuisance. All outside burning must comply with Town Ordinance.

# WEST RUTLAND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## 2017 REPORT

This year we published a survey for West Rutland residents to express their thoughts and give feedback on our Recreation area. We asked you to tell us what you wanted to see for improvements to the space and what you wanted the town to offer to its residents. This survey provided us with a lot of information about the needs of our community and services we will work towards providing in the future. As a response from your feedback, this year you can expect to see upgrades in our playground area and trail systems. We have also assembled a group of volunteers to form a Recreation Committee that will discuss and plan future improvements to our beautiful space.

The West Rutland Recreation Area had an exciting edition with the new Parks for Paws Dog Park. The response to the park has been overwhelmingly positive with upwards of 100 people and their canine companions visiting the park daily.

The Recreational Sports program has had another very successful year. This year's spring softball and baseball program (T-Ball, Mighty-Mites, Minors and Majors Baseball/Softball for grades pre-K – grade 6) had 91 participants. Teams were instructed by dedicated volunteer coaches who were instrumental in the season's success. Thanks and appreciation go to these volunteers who gave of their time to instill knowledge and love for the game. Many thanks also to Jason Skaza for raking and maintaining the ball field.

We would like to give special thanks and recognition to our generous sponsors, who provide vital support to our Recreational Baseball/Softball program. They are as follows: **West Rutland American Legion, Bailey Motors, Jiffy Mart, Shaw's Logging & Firewood, Fabian Earthmoving, H. Hirschmann LTD, Poultney Pools, SE Smith, Stewarts Shops, Lake Sunapee Bank and the West Rutland Rotary**

The Recreational Soccer program was again managed by Ian Akin (IMX Football Club). The knowledge, skill and love he has for the game is an invaluable asset. IMX Soccer also offers many different programs that run throughout the summer, building on the skills their players develop during their regular season. Many thanks to Chris Hogan for hours spent brush hogging the field.

Rec Basketball Skills and Drills program expanded to include grades Pre-K through grade 6 this year. We had 66 participants and were thankful to have many parent volunteers. Special thanks to Don Dunchus, Jr. who instructed grades Pre-K through grade 2. Many thanks to Christie Wright, Melissa Guay, Kendra Hogan, Melissa Clark and Randy Gile who graciously volunteered their time to our kids in grades 3-6. We are always grateful to Joe Harrington and the West Rutland School for their support of our programs.

A debt of gratitude is owed to all our volunteers! Volunteers are always welcomed and appreciated. We need people to help with maintenance of our fields, coaches for our teams, gardeners for our grounds and people to help maintain our trails. Your time and talents can always be put to good use. If you would like to volunteer please contact the Town Hall at 438-2263.

Additionally, I would like to thank Mary Ann Goulette and the West Rutland Select Board for their continued support of Recreation programs for our community. I am certain with the continued support of the parents and the community the recreation program will continue to grow and our recreation area will become one we all can enjoy.

Mike Senecal

# Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2017 Overview

## *Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government*

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities and directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state.

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 138 other municipal entities, including villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts.

Local governments in Vermont provide essential services to residents and visitors alike. From maintaining roads to providing safety services, recreational programs, water and sewer infrastructure, street lighting, and libraries, the work carried out by appointed and elected officials and community volunteers is both critical and challenging. The demands on local government are complex and require resources that are not always available in every city, town or village in the state.

VLCT is the only statewide organization devoted solely to delivering a wide range of services to local officials who serve municipalities of varying populations and geographic regions but face similar requirements with disparate resources. The organization provides legal, consulting, and education services to its members, offering important advice and responses to direct inquiries, as well as training programs on specific topics of concern to officials as they carry out the duties required by statute or directed by town meeting voters. VLCT represents cities and towns before the state legislature and state agencies, assuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and loudly, and also advocates at the federal level, primarily through its partner, the National League of Cities.

VLCT offers opportunities to purchase risk management products and services that directly meet the specific and specialized needs of local government through the VLCT Employee Resource and Benefit (VERB) Trust and the VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF).

During the 2017 calendar year, in addition to providing responses to more than 3700 telephone inquiries, holding 16 training sessions, and following approximately 300 separate pieces of legislation, thirteen summer study committees, and developing VLCT's legislative platform with five municipal policy committees, VLCT celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Throughout the year, VLCT recognized local officials and employees who have served a number of communities for 50 years, and highlighted some of the many successes of the organization and local government during the last 50 years. It was also an important year to look ahead, to consider new ideas, and think about new programs and ways of delivering services to members that will address their changing needs in the coming years. VLCT launched a new website in June 2017 that, despite a few initial glitches, has functioned well and serves as a better connection point for members thanks to consistent updates, new information, and easier navigation tools. VLCT has also moved the majority of its mission critical IT systems to the "cloud" in an effort to provide more security for member information, greater protection against hacking attempts, and greater redundancy of access that will help the organization remain operational following a disaster scenario. The move to the cloud also reduces the need to acquire, maintain, and replace costly capital equipment.

At the heart of all these activities is VLCT's commitment to serving as a good steward of member assets, and we are proud of the continued progress being made in that effort. Members are welcome to visit the VLCT office anytime to review the operations of the organization, to ask questions, and to access resources that can help each individual official and employee carry out the important work of local government.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, visit the VLCT website at [www.vlct.org](http://www.vlct.org).



# West Rutland School

*A Vermont K-12 Public School  
Committed to Excellence*

*Sarah Merrill  
Principal*

*Joseph H. Harrington  
Associate Principal*

713 Main Street  
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February, 2018

Dear West Rutland Community Members,

Greetings from your School Board! We are approaching Town Meeting and the School Board wishes to remind you of changes in the school district budget this year. As a result of a vote of our community last March, effective July 1, 2018, we become part of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District (QVUUSD). Our new district includes three PK-12 schools: West Rutland, Poultney and Proctor. By merging governance, we can better share resources and improve opportunities for students.

As a result of this Act 46 merger, our school budget is now incorporated in the QVUUSD budget. We invite you to review information concerning the proposed school district budget in the QVUUSD Annual Report. The report is posted on our school and supervisory union websites. In addition, copies are located at the school, Town Hall and library. You may also request that a copy be mailed to you. Please contact us or Superintendent Dr. Debra Taylor with any questions at 802-775-4342, extension 2103 or [debra.taylor@rcsu.org](mailto:debra.taylor@rcsu.org).

Thanks to the generosity of our community, we completed all West Rutland School retrofit projects in December. The projects completed are too numerous to list. However, we would be remiss if we didn't highlight some of them. First, savings and energy efficiency will result due to our new windows. Second, increased safety for our students is evident from our fire alarm and security upgrades. Third, enhanced educational opportunities abound in our new science labs!

Our graduation rates are high and our students continue to perform well on academic assessments. We are very proud of our Westside students as they represented their school very well this year in various music, art and athletic competitions.

Your continued support means a great deal to the School Board, administration and school staff. We are moving in the right direction, with many positive things happening. Rutland Central Supervisory Union continues to enact our vision of excellence.

We hope to see you at Town Meeting on March 5! Our school board will provide you with an overview of the QVUUSD proposed budget and highlights of the many exciting activities occurring at the school.

Together we can accomplish many things if we all work together. Thank you for your support!

West Rutland School Board,

*Blake Cushing, Chair  
Fran Girardi, Vice Chair  
Tom Callahan, Clerk  
Kristi Duncan, Member  
Jim Mumford, Member*



Ira • Middletown Springs • Poultney • Proctor • Rutland Town • Wells • West Rutland

February, 2018

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

I am honored to continue to serve our schools and communities as Superintendent and am very grateful for our excellent teachers, support staff and leaders. As I visit our schools and classrooms, I see growth and learning. I am proud of our successes and our schools' efforts to support each and every student - ensuring that all students learn at high levels.

Our parents and community members continue to support and work in partnership with our schools. We are so appreciative of your ongoing support. Students in all our schools have performed many acts of kindness to help others in our communities. This overarching spirit of cooperation and generosity is the hallmark of our school cultures and community connections.

We are about to embark on a new chapter in our educational journey as we merge governance with our neighboring districts to the southwest forming the Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union beginning on July 1, 2018. Our new school system includes Ira, Quarry Valley, Rutland Town and Wells Springs School Districts.

Our merger transition boards for the Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union and Districts have been working diligently in preparation for the coming year. Thanks to the excellent leadership of our School Boards and administrators, we are actively engaged in many transition activities, and unification of our school system is underway!

In September, we initiated our joint leadership team for successful unification including central office and school leadership from both Rutland Central and Rutland Southwest SU. Our leaders are actively engaged in several transition activities including vision, mission, communications plan development, curriculum planning and more!

Last fall, I met with all faculty, staff and administrators to gain insight into their values as we develop our vision and mission for the future of our newly unified school system. Based on their positive and forward-thinking ideas, the concepts were refined by administrators and will be adopted by the Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union (GRCSU) Board later this month.

Our School Boards adopted the GRCSU and District Budgets for our newly merged school systems and continuing single districts who are part of our new supervisory union. In December, the GRCSU Board appointed all central

office leadership and support personnel for the coming school year effective July 1, 2018. We have begun transition to a new accounting and human resource software, Infinite Visions, and a newly merged domain for email and website communication.

We have drafted unified board policies which are scheduled to be reviewed and adopted by our School Boards throughout the second half of the school year. Our Joint Board Negotiations Committee has initiated negotiations for a unified teacher and support staff contract for 2018.

**Future Planning:** More exciting unification plans are on the horizon! Our excellent educational opportunities will grow and expand in our new unified school system. We will continue to implement student-centered learning in proficiency-based personalized environments where all students learn at high levels. While some savings have been achieved and new educational opportunities will begin as early as July 1, 2018, such as centralized technology and joint educational program offerings, our future will continue to unfold in a positive and productive manner as our Board and administration engage in a planning process to build our collective future plan for years to come.

**Community Outreach:** During our many community conversations throughout the Act 46/49 study process, I repeatedly heard about the need to have deeper discussions around issues that impact our schools. We will hold school-based forums throughout the winter and spring to present information about our newly unified school system, our vision, mission and plans. Look for additional announcements through our email alerts and website in mid- January. I encourage you to participate in these conversations. I believe that as a school system we will become stronger as a result of robust and productive community engagement.

**District Annual Reports and Budget Presentations:** Each School Board will hold public meetings to present the annual education budget for voter approval. Mark your calendars for these important meetings: Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Annual Meeting on Tuesday, February 27; Wells Springs Unified Union School District Annual Meeting on Wednesday, February 28; Ira School District Town Meeting on March 5; and Rutland Town School District Town Meeting on March 5. Through our community outreach and engagement efforts, annual reports, forums and annual meetings, we hope all of you will become familiar with our school budgets and the important educational programs and plans they support.

Please remember to vote on Town Meeting Day, March 6, 2018.

Thank you for your support of all our students. Remember, we have a proud past and a bright future, and together we are better!

Yours in Education,

*Debra J. Taylor*

Debra J. Taylor, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

## **Report of the Principals West Rutland School**

As the Principals of West Rutland School, we are honored to lead this extraordinary learning community. Our school's commitment to excellence spans throughout all aspects of our learners' days. The dedicated teachers and staff focus on the growth and development of the whole child, socially, emotionally, cognitively and physically, by providing a rigorous curriculum guided by our learner-centered model and extensive opportunities for involvement in extra- and co-curricular activities.

### **Curriculum**

Proficiency-Based Learning in a learner-centered environment has been the focus of our work in grades K-12 this year. Proficiency-based learning is a key component of flexible and personalized pathways set forth in Act 77 and the State Board of Education's Education Quality Standards. Our teachers have worked to align curriculum with Vermont Graduation Proficiencies and they are designing rubrics to assess student work based on a proficiency rating scale (beginning, approaching, meeting and exceeding). In addition, our teachers are transforming their teaching approach to support a learner-centered classroom environment where students are taking ownership of how, when and where they meet the proficiencies necessary to graduate from West Rutland School.

Students are also expected to demonstrate proficiency in transferrable skills and Habits of Learning Expectations. Transferable Skills are examples of skills that reach beyond content areas and are defined as: Clear and effective communication, creative and practical problem-solving, informed and integrative thinking, responsible and involved citizenship and self-direction. Habits of Learning Expectations are designed to support students in building positive learning habits such as responsibility, engagement, preparedness and attitude.

### **Professional Development**

Teachers and staff at West Rutland School engage in intensive professional development in primary local and districtwide initiatives. With the focus on the learner-centered model and the transition to proficiency-based learning, districtwide professional development has focused in these areas respectively. In addition to district professional development our teachers are targeting specific areas for schoolwide professional learning.

- Pre-Kindergarten: full day programming transition
- Grades 1-6 (Literacy): Green Mountain Literacy Partners
- Grades 1-5 (Mathematics): Bridges Mathematics Implementation Year #2
- Grades 6-8 (Mathematics): College Preparatory Mathematics Implementation Year #2
- Grades 7-8 (All Content): Project-based Learning
- Grades 9-12 (All Content/UA): Learner-Centered Teaching
- Special Educators: Special Education Law and Compliance
- Paraprofessionals: Social/Emotional Training, Technology in the Classroom

### **Facility**

Our beautiful marble schoolhouse upgrades and renovations were completed in December 2017. The upgrades and renovations included:

- Elevator cab refinishing
- Parking lot paving and improvement of design
- New ventilation system in cafeteria
- New windows (parts of the building)
- New shades (parts of the building)

- Door replacement and magnetic locks
- Security film on the main entrance windows
- New ceiling in cafeteria
- New wall pads in gym
  - Thank you to the West Rutland School Booster Club for purchasing the wall pads.
- Science lab tables

It is important for our staff, learners and community to feel safe, in a clean, updated facility. We greatly appreciate our community's support to fund these projects.

#### **Extra- and Co-Curricular Activities**

West Rutland School offers extra- and co-curricular activities throughout the school year which enhance each child's overall learning experience. Students are able to explore interests in science, the creative process, visual and performing arts and seasonal athletics. These opportunities promote a positive school culture, healthy competition and reciprocal peer relationships.

#### **Westside Pride Points**

- West Rutland School was given National Ranking recognition and Top Vermont High School recognition, along with a bronze medal, by U.S. News and World Report!
- Our 2016 Girls Softball Team won the Division IV State Championship!
- The Vermont Agency of Education visited West Rutland School on April 27, 2017 to highlight our transition to the learner centered model and proficiency based learning.
- Our PreKindergarten program was extended to full day, four days per week for 4-year old learners.
- Ten students participated in the district vocal and instrumental music festivals.
- Science and English students released trout into the Clarendon River on June 8 in partnership with the Trout in the Classroom project. *Trout in the Classroom is an environmental education program in which students raise brook trout from eggs before releasing them in a state-approved stream.*
- Many students participated in the 2017 Congressional Art Competition "An Artistic Discovery".
- Students in K-4 raised \$5,003.15 for Jump Rope for Heart.
- Westside drummers performed with the local Skellies in the Rutland Halloween Parade!
- National Honor Society sponsored its annual Thanksgiving food drive with 591 canned items donated to the local food shelf.
- Members of our Unified Sports Team, along with peers, participated in a Special Olympics snowboarding training camp held at Killington Mountain on December 13, 2016.
- Our art classes created bowls for the Soup Bowls for Hunger project of Rutland County. The proceeds of the project benefit the West Rutland Food Cupboard along with other organizations in Rutland County.
- Students in grades K-6 raised \$621.42 to support school-age children in Northern Kenya purchase lanterns so they can complete schoolwork in their huts at night.
- Learners in our high school history classes took part in Vermont Day at the Edward Kennedy Institute in Boston, Massachusetts.
- Fourteen Veterans joined us for lunch at our Veterans day luncheon to honor our local heroes.

#### **Pathways Pride Points**

- Fifteen students received vouchers to enroll in college level courses.



- One student enrolled in their freshman year of college-level classes while simultaneously completing their high school degree.
- Two students engaged in activities involving actual work experience or which connect classroom learning to employment and careers
- Seventy students assessed coursework using technology to connect with a virtual classroom
- Seventeen students enrolled in a program of study at the Stafford Technical Center
- Twenty-five students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses.
- Three students designed an independent study.

These opportunities provide our students with high level academic courses, alternate learning structures, and opportunities to personalize their high school plans.

### **Community Partnerships**

Many of these successes are supported by school-based and local organizations. Our partnership with the Booster Club provides ongoing support for our athletic department as well as an exciting community-focused Homecoming Weekend and Glodzik Tournament. Our Parent-Teacher Community (PTC) organizes free, family-oriented events such as Breakfast with Santa, and the Easter Egg Hunt. Our partnership with Tapestry, the after-school program for students in grades K-5, accommodates working families with after-school supervision for their children which focuses on socialization, fine/gross motor activities, and academic support. The local West Rutland Fire Department visited our elementary students to provide age-appropriate fire safety instruction and greeted our Softball Champions to escort them home!! We are grateful for these amazing volunteers who give so unselfishly of their time to the children in our community. Our partnership with the Town of West Rutland remains strong as we support one another in community events such as the West Rutland Christmas Tree Lighting and ongoing community activities and initiatives.

West Rutland School exists to ensure all students learn at high levels. We provide learning opportunities to meet each learners' style, ability, pace and interest while building strong staff/student relationships in a safe, responsible learning environment so all students meet their personal and educational goals. Our staff is the cornerstone of Westside's success as they dedicate themselves to transforming teaching and learning, building positive student relationships, maintaining a clean learning environment, and supporting students in and out of the classroom.

We greatly appreciate the support provided by West Rutland School staff, our superintendent, supervisory union staff, Board of School Directors, community and parents. We are honored to lead the West Rutland School community. We will continue to ensure an equitable, fiscally responsible, and sustainable system for all students.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah P. Merrill, Principal

Joseph Harrington, Associate Principal

## **RUTLAND CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION**

**16 Evelyn Street  
Rutland, Vermont 05701-4910**

**Office of the Superintendent**

**Phone: (802) 775-4342  
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January 24, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

The Town of West Rutland School District audit of the financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017 by A. M. Peisch & Company, LLP has recently been completed. Copies of the report will be available for review at the Town Hall upon receipt of the final report.

Sincerely,



Brittany Gilman  
Business Manager

***Notice to Voters of Poultney, Proctor and West Rutland***

**The combined budget booklet for the new  
Quarry Valley Unified Union School District 2018-19 Budget  
will be available at the following locations:**

**Rutland Central Supervisory Union Office**

**Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union Office**

**Poultney Elementary School**

**Poultney High School**

**Poultney Library**

**Poultney Town Hall**

**Proctor Elementary School**

**Proctor Junior/Senior High School**

**Proctor Library**

**Proctor Town Hall**

**West Rutland School**

**West Rutland Library**

**West Rutland Town Hall**

**RCSU.org**



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802-775-8002**



**Stephen P. Benard**  
SHERIFF

## **TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S TOWN REPORT FOR 2017**

The Rutland County Sheriff's Department has continued to provide law enforcement services to the Town of West Rutland during the past year. West Rutland and the town of Proctor share two full time deputies, creating a situation where we can provide 40 hours of actual in town coverage, and another 40 hours of on call coverage. The net is having a deputy available for calls 12 hours per day and 8 hours on Sundays.

This year the Department worked with the town in the area of speed limits and traffic studies. The village speed limit was lowered to 25 MPH. With the increase in pedestrian traffic, this is a much safer speed. It only adds a few seconds to the trip through town.

During 2017 we handled 510 complaints in West Rutland, compared to 490 complaints in 2016. Traffic stops increased by 100 (574 to 674). Traffic ticket to warning ratio increased by 10% due to the expenditure of Governor's Highway Safety Program enforcement money. Some ticket revenue from these patrols funnels back to the town where the tickets are written.

During 2017, the Rutland County Sheriff's Department handled 16 cases, including the following:

- 72-Assists to motorists/citizens
- 39-Suspicious Complaint
- 15-Citizen Dispute
- 17-Vin Inspection
- 12-Family Fight
- 674-Traffic stops (resulting in 377 tickets and 297 warnings)
- 9-Drug cases

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen P. Benard  
Sheriff



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Emergency: 911  
FAX: 802-773-1717

*R*EGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.

275 Stratton Road  
Rutland, VT 05701

**34<sup>th</sup>**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
(Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017)  
34 Years of Service 1983 - 2017

To the Honorable Citizens of the Town of West Rutland:

We are pleased to present our 34<sup>th</sup> annual report to the Citizens we serve. Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service for thirty-two years. From 1983 to the end of this fiscal year, Regional has responded to 203,070 ambulance calls. This past year, ending June 30, 2017, the service responded to a total of 9,155 ambulance calls in our 12 communities and an additional 233 “Medic One” paramedic intercept calls. We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving the public.

We congratulate Brian Porch, AEMT for being honored as our “Star of Life” at the American Ambulance Association’s Stars of Life celebration in our nation’s capital.

With the continued support of the citizens, our employees, and community governing bodies, we have been able to level fund or lower our assessment rate for the past 33 years. Since 1990 the Assessment rate has been decreased by 36%. Our current assessment rate is \$4 per capita and remains unchanged for the next fiscal year. The public support of our Membership program, direct donations, memorials and estate gifts have been vital to our continued success. Thank you.

This past year two new ambulances were put into service to replace older ambulances each having more than 100,000 miles of service.

Our motto “Serving People First with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism” is demonstrated by our employees’ commitment to continuing EMS training. Each year our employees have specialized training in Critical Care Paramedicine, ALS, BLS, Prehospital Advanced Trauma Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Neonatal Resuscitation, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Bloodborn Pathogens and a variety of continuing education programs. Our professional staff is extremely capable and dedicated.

This year RAS Critical Care Paramedics have had advanced training to deploy the use of ventilator and additional skills. These new equipment and skills will be in use early next year.

Monthly C.P.R. classes are taught at Regional Ambulance. Last year, through the R.A.S. Training Center, 1,840 people were trained in C.P.R. Tours, lectures, demonstrations, and C.P.R. classes are available for the general public. Child Car Seat inspections are held Wednesdays at the Regional Ambulance building and 201 child car seat inspections were completed through this program.

The public is encouraged to visit and talk to the employees and Administrator at our Stratton Road facility. Please feel free to contact Jim Finger, Chief Executive Administrator, or your Representative, if you have any questions concerning the service.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. The Board of Directors, Administration and employees of Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. will continue working to provide the highest quality of emergency ambulance care at the lowest possible cost to all of the citizens we serve.

Sincerely,  
Paul Kulig, President  
R.A.S. Board of Directors  
West Rutland Representative



## 2018 REQUEST FOR TOWN FUNDING & Yearly Report for FY17

**TOWN OF: WEST RUTLAND AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$400.00**

RSVP and The Volunteer Center is an "Invitation to Serve" program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through meaningful use of their skills, talents, interests and knowledge in volunteer service. Needs are met in critical areas such as human services, elder care, health care, education, literacy, and the arts, just to name a few. Through such efforts, RSVP/VC is meeting the needs that strained local budgets cannot afford. RSVP/VC enables people to contribute to their communities while enjoying the personally satisfying and rewarding experience that community engagement offers. Additionally, over the past 15 years RSVP has implemented several "Signature Programs" aimed at addressing pressing community needs. These programs include **RSVP TeleCare**, a telephone reassurance and safety check in program offered **FREE** to Rutland County seniors, a children's literacy and mentoring program called **RSVP Rutland County Reads**, and after school program called **RSVP After School Buddies**, an osteoporosis prevention program, **RSVP Bone Builders**, which provides **FREE** strength and balance exercise classes with RSVP/VC volunteer instructors to Rutland County residents, and **RSVP Operation Dolls & More**, in which RSVP/VC volunteers restore and refurbish donated dolls, toys books and games. Last year over 10,000 items were distributed to 2,000 children and over 50 organizations to share with clients.

Locally, **RSVP/VC is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services** serving the people of Rutland County with **803 volunteers**. From April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017, RSVP/VC volunteers provided **148,669 hours of community service**. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals **\$3,630,497**.

Once again this year RSVP/VC is not asking for additional monies from the Town of West Rutland. The monies we request are used to help defray the costs of providing services that impact the lives of citizens of all ages throughout Rutland County.

**Currently in West Rutland, RSVP/VC volunteers donate their services to the following non-profit organizations:** Rutland Regional Medical Center, West Rutland Elementary and High Schools, area nursing homes, Godnick Adult Center, Dismas House, Rutland Partnership, College of Saint Joseph, Rutland Town Elementary School, Rutland Area Visiting Nurses Association and Hospice, Northwest and Northeast Elementary Schools, Mount Saint Joseph Academy, West Rutland Free Library, One-2-One, Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce, Castleton Community Center, Chaffree Art Center, Kids on the Move, The Mission, American Red Cross, **RSVP Bone Builders**, **RSVP Operation Dolls & More**, **RSVP TeleCare** and **RSVP Rutland County Reads**.

**The volunteer services they provide include:** knitting and sewing items for children and elders, tutoring and mentoring in area schools, mailings, entertaining in the area nursing homes and schools, greeting people at RRMC and providing information at the front desk, clerical assistance, delivering and preparing meals, cooking assistance, friendly visitation, companionship and outreach, community relations, reading club moderator, library aides, community relations, board member, clowning, providing essential transportation, tax counseling, volunteers in **RSVP Rutland County Reads** and **RSVP Operation Dolls & More**, **RSVP Bone Builders** Exercise Trainer, and providing safety check in calls to homebound seniors through **RSVP TeleCare**. In addition, **RSVP Bone Builders classes are offered in West Rutland FREE of charge** to area residents.

On behalf of RSVP & The Volunteer Center, I would like to thank the residents of West Rutland for their continued support. As financial constraints effect more and more non-profit organizations, the need for volunteers continues to increase. With your help, RSVP/VC will continue to respond to this need. We welcome the opportunity to speak to your board to update you on our program.

Sincerely,

Nan M. Hart, Director

November 20, 2017

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November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## Town of West Rutland

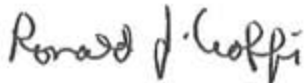
### TO THE OFFICERS AND CITIZENS OF WEST RUTLAND:

In 2016, the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice (RAVNAH) provided Rutland County residents with exceptional home care, hospice and community health services. From infants with hi-tech needs to our most senior population facing end-of-life care, we continued to bring medically necessary healthcare wherever it is needed, location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

In the face of shrinking government and state reimbursements and rising healthcare costs, RAVNAH has continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective health care services to some of Rutland County's most vulnerable individuals.

In 2016, VNA's dedicated staff made more than 142,884 visits to 3,459 patients. In the town of West Rutland, we provided 3,575 visits to 109 individuals.

In closing, we wish to thank you for your past support. With your vote of confidence, we will continue to meet our mission to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services.



*Ronald J. Cioffi, Executive Director*



*Carrie Allen, President of the Board of Directors*

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## Community Care Network Rutland Mental Health Services

In the year 2017, 28 towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of towns such as the Town of West Rutland assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Services provided to town residents include:

- Individual Counseling for Children, Adults and Families
- Substance Abuse Treatment Services
- Emergency/Crisis Services
- Developmental Disability Services

During fiscal year 2017, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 11,359 hours of services to 135 West Rutland residents. We value our partnership with the Town of West Rutland in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

*Dick Courcelle*

Chief Executive Officer  
Rutland Mental Health Services, Inc.





October 11, 2017

RE: Rutland Economic Development Corporation Annual Report (FY2017)

To the Residents, Businesses, and Communities of Rutland County:

We would like to thank you, our partners, for your continued work advancing our region. With your help, together our efforts this year have furthered the major strategic shifts established for REDC in 2016, which were premised on the fact that Rutland County's future business growth will likely come from the success and expansion of existing small businesses and entrepreneurs. Further developed this year, the overarching theme of our strategic effort is to increase Rutland County's population, specifically early- and mid-career professionals and skilled workers, to counter the current and projected trend of regional population decline and the resulting workforce challenges.

**Summary of Strategic Direction:**

- Focus on population growth.
- Leverage the presence of colleges and universities as economic drivers.
- Support the growth of current businesses and industries in the Rutland Region.

**Strategic investments:**

*Focus on population growth.*

- Co-created the Regional Marketing Initiative alongside the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce and area partners, raising \$200,000 from regional businesses and municipalities to produce a dynamic, long-term campaign focused on promoting our regional assets and opportunities; due to be rolled out in FY2018.
- Supported Rutland Young Professionals workforce attraction and retention programs.
- Continued to work with area developers and experts to establish residential housing goals and downtown development opportunities.
- Supported the third annual Young Professionals Summit of Vermont, a statewide conference on Vermont's future, held in Rutland.
- Emphasized Rutland County as a place for career opportunities through [rutlandeconomy.com/careers](http://rutlandeconomy.com/careers).

*Leverage the presence of colleges and universities as economic drivers.*

- Extended partnership with Castleton University to leverage the expertise and talent represented by the University and its students.
- Streamlined and strengthened Castleton University experiential learning efforts by providing students with opportunities to transition quickly from the classroom to area businesses for internships and careers, creating opportunities for both students and the business community.
- Began collaborative efforts to develop internship/work experience processes with area colleges and universities and the Talent Pipeline Management Project.
- Educated college and high school students (locally and around the state) about local leadership and job opportunities.

## **Rutland County Vermont Adult Learning Annual Report**

### **Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2017**

Vermont Adult Learning (VAL), is a non-profit seven-county organization providing individuals 16 years of age and older with free, confidential, education and literacy services. We provide basic instruction in reading, writing, math, technology and Career Readiness. Vermont residents can access our services and earn a high school diploma from their town of residence or a GED. We offer Citizenship classes for individuals wishing to become an American citizen. We also offer instruction in **ESOL**, English for **S**peakers of **O**ther **L**anguages.

Older adult students (22 and older) have accessed the opportunity to obtain a diploma with many more options and available resources including dual enrollment at CCV, classes at Stafford Tech, internships and other creative options. No matter what age you are, when you learn more you have the potential to earn more.

VAL has established strong partnerships with the Department of Labor (DOL) and with Vocational Rehabilitation (VR). We partner to assist all consumers in getting a job or getting a better job.

Vermont Adult Learning served 1,790 students statewide in fiscal year 2017. 223 students were served in our Rutland Center where we provided 11,411 hours of education. We provided 847 hours of instructional service to 10 students from West Rutland. 7 were between the ages of 16 and 21.

Providing high quality, respectful education and employment and career advisement continues to be our focus. This can't be done in isolation without all the support we get from the local Rutland agency's that we partner with.

Please call for additional information or stop by for a tour.

We appreciate the support of the voters of West Rutland.

**Contact: Michelle C. Folger, Regional Manager**

**Email: [mfolger@vtadultlearning.org](mailto:mfolger@vtadultlearning.org)**

**Or call 775-0617**

# BROC COMMUNITY ACTION

*In Southwestern Vermont*

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## BROC COMMUNITY ACTION

To the Citizens of the Town of West Rutland,

On behalf of BROC Community Action and the thousands of people with low income or living in poverty that we serve in Rutland and Bennington counties, I want to personally thank you for supporting us through the balloting process over the years. BROC Community Action continues to experience many people seeking our programs and services each day.

Over the past year, BROC Community Action has demonstrated strong community impact in the Town of West Rutland.

- 193 individuals were assisted and had their needs met including food at our Community Food Shelf, senior USDA Commodities, housing counseling, heating and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 3SqVT, budget counseling, case management, resource and referral and income tax preparation through our Community Services department,
  - 7 homes/units were weatherized or had energy efficiency measures performed reducing energy costs through our Weatherization assistance program,
  - 8 individuals worked on starting a small business with our business counselor through our Micro Business Development Program, and
- 1 daycare home provider was partially reimbursed through our Child & Adult Care Food Program for serving USDA recommended meals and snacks to approximately 10 children in their care.

Despite the significant outcomes BROC Community Action has achieved for the residents of the Town of West Rutland over the past year, there is still more work to do. People come to us cold, hungry, homeless, jobless or facing major health conditions every day. Your appropriation helps ease the struggle for more than 10,000 people who seek assistance from us each year as we meet the basic needs of their families and provide a path forward.

***Respectfully, our appropriation request for the upcoming year is \$1,250.00.***

We value our partnership with West Rutland to assist those most in need.

Sincerely,



Thomas L. Donahue, CEO

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## 2017 ANNUAL REPORT ~ WEST RUTLAND

Our mission is to advocate for the rights of individuals and families with Developmental Disabilities to be regarded as valued citizens with the same entitlements as a non-disabled individual, including the right to lifelong opportunities for personal growth and full participation in the community.

- We were representative payee for about 56 clients referred to us by Social Security and other Human Service agencies and organizations.
- Provided Five dances throughout the year: Valentines, End of Winter, Spring Fling, Halloween, and our annual Christmas Dinner Dance – together these events were attended by about 418 people. A newsletter goes out to invite all members and interested parties on the mailing list (approximately 470 addresses), they get updates with valuable information on; upcoming trainings, possible legislative changes, support circles, upcoming events, and some free to low cost activities in the community.
- ARC Rutland Area supported the local Self Advocacy group for people with developmental disabilities; members focus on group-selected goals, share their lives and gain committee meeting experience. They provide an “Abilities” Awareness Training; pennies collected, funds from a car wash, and funds from their bake sales go to adopt a family at Christmas through the Boys and Girls Club. This year a few self advocates joined VT Adaptive Ski and Sport for C.O.R.E.
- ARC continued to support The Rutland Family Support Network, which is lead by parents, is ongoing with their listserve, and provides a space for workshops and informational gatherings.
- Some of our efforts have again gone into the Transportation grant. We used the Elderly & Disabled Grant to help get people with transportation gaps, to where they need to go; meetings, work, events and our dances. We also advocate for voiced transportation needs.
- The AKtion Club, is a group of adults living with disabilities giving back through community service projects and is co sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Rutland. This year they participated in a pet food drive, Pack the Paramount food drive, Stuff A Bus food drive, Grow and Donate Garden veggies, cards to recovering soldiers, back packs for school children and the Buddy Walk.

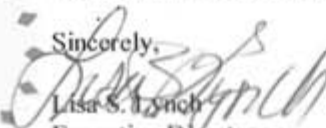
On behalf of the Board Members, friends, and families; we are grateful for the support and continued assistance from the citizens of the Rutland Area. We receive neither state nor federal funding, our main sources of income continue to be allocations from United Way and 16 other towns/city in the greater Rutland Area. Our minor sources of income come from our membership, service fees, 50/50 raffles, door donations, and two fundraising events. We thank all who have donated to ARC Rutland Area and made these great things possible. In 2017, there were 31 residents of West Rutland and a total of 1,091 residents in the greater Rutland Area who took advantage of all the opportunities we offered. Our 2018 funding request is \$300. We do all this, with three part-time employed positions, two part-time staff volunteers, volunteer board members and much community support. For those who need to contact us for these wonderful services or want to volunteer, please call 775-1370. Be sure to check out our website at [www.arcrutland.org](http://www.arcrutland.org) or like us at <https://www.facebook.com/arcrutlandareavt/?ref=bookmarks>.



Self Advocates / Sheriff's Car Wash



Sincerely,

  
 Lisa S. Lynch  
 Executive Director

## **Report to the Citizens of West Rutland**

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to older adults who reside in West Rutland. The service period reported is from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017:

### **Senior Meals**

SVCOA provided 3,293 home delivered meals in your community, through the Meals on Wheels program. In addition, 72 West Rutland older adults came together at a luncheon site located in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others. Through this site, 1,237 meals were served to older adults in your community.

### **Case Management Assistance**

SVCOA case management staff helped 36 older adults in your community. A case manager works with an older adult, privately in the individual's home or at another agreed upon location. The case managers assess each person's specific situation in order to tailor a plan unique to that individual. Case managers will work with the older adult to identify their needs and discuss possible services available to address these areas. If the individual desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help older adults connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail older adults facing the possibility of long-term care placement who still wish to remain at home. Options Counseling, which helps older adults create a long term care plan, was used by 1 individual in your community.

### **Other Services and Support**

SVCOA also provided a host of other services to support older adults in your community. These services included:

- 1) "Senior HelpLine" assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Senior HelpLine staff provide telephone support to older adults and others, who need information about available programs and community resources;
- 2) Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program (SHIP);
- 3) Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project;
- 4) Information about elder issues via the "60Plus" column appearing in the Rutland Herald;
- 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA's Registered Dietician;
- 6) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound older adults;
- 7) Outreach services to older adults dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. SVCOA cooperates with Rutland County Mental Health to provide this service;
- 8) Transportation assistance; and,
- 9) Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to older adults in need of assistance.



## NeighborWorks of Western Vermont

110 Marble Street, West Rutland, VT 05777

### 2017 Town Annual Report

The mission of NeighborWorks of Western Vermont is to strengthen the development of a regional economy by promoting safe, efficient and stable housing, and community projects through education, technical assistance, and financial services. NWWVT strengthens our communities, one home at a time.

We work to help Vermonters become educated about finances and the homebuying process, find homes to purchase, get the loans they need to buy homes, and renovate their existing homes to make them more livable and cost-efficient. We offer financial coaching; homebuyer education; home repair services to address health and safety issues; HEAT Squad energy efficiency services; and affordable loans for mortgages, home repair, energy upgrades, and down payment assistance. We believe that homeownership supports people and families in living healthy and stable lives.

2017 has been quite a productive year for NeighborWorks of Western Vermont. In our service area of Addison, Rutland, and Bennington counties:

**418 Low-cost, Comprehensive HEAT Squad Energy Audits** were completed on buildings; **139 Home Energy Improvement Projects** were completed and homeowners received a rebate check from Efficiency Vermont; **79 Energy Loans** were issued, a total of \$1,209,730, to help homeowners make energy improvements

**49 Down Payment Assistance Loans**, a total of \$1,226,373, were made to help homebuyers make it over the 20% down payment barrier (a 200% increase over 2016)

**35 Rehab Loans**, a total of 710,446, were made to homeowners to make health and safety upgrades to their homes

**\$42,500** was granted to landlords to bring 10 healthy, safe, and affordable rental units onto the market in Bennington

**291** homebuyers attended our Homebuyer Education Course (a 150% increase over 2016)

Assisted **19** households in finding their dream home with our RealtyWorks service

There is always a need and we hope we are always here to help. We welcome the involvement of residents on committees or volunteering time for special projects. Call us at (802) 438-2303 or stop by the office located at 110 Marble Street, West Rutland.

Together we can build strong communities.

Respectfully,

Ludy Biddle, Executive Director





## YEAR 2017 ACTIVITY IN WEST RUTLAND

The **Housing Trust of Rutland County** is a local non-profit organization that works with communities and families to provide affordable rental housing throughout Rutland County.

During the past year, we have continued to invest in our West Rutland properties including Stanislaus Apartments on Barnes Street, Colonial Apartments on Marble and Barnes, and 259 Marble Street. At our 259 Marble property this year we converted the former Carving Studio Gallery into a safe, affordable, quality apartment for a new West Rutland resident to call home. Over the past 25 years, we have provided over 1,500 people – seniors, families and people with disabilities - with a safe, attractive and affordable place to rent and call home. We have developed and maintain over 300 rental housing units in seven of our local communities. Each year over 500 people directly benefit from our affordable housing.

Furthermore, the surrounding community benefits from improved neighborhoods, increased tax assessments and payment of property taxes, and work opportunities. Several West Rutland business owners work with us to manage our properties, and people working in West Rutland live in housing we've created throughout the region.

We are pleased to have been working in West Rutland again and ask that on Town Meeting Day you vote in favor of the following question:

“Does the Town vote to raise **\$750.00** for the **Housing Trust of Rutland County** to assist West Rutland and its residents with their affordable housing needs?”

We thank you for your support last March, and appreciate your vote this year.

Sincerely yours,

Elisabeth Kulas

Executive Director

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## WEST RUTLAND FOOD SHELF

This January 2018 marked the beginning of our tenth full year of operations. The number of families coming through our doors is climbing. For the past few years the citizens of our town have approved a funding article to appropriate \$1,000 to support our efforts at making sure our neighbors do not go hungry. We are very grateful for the support and ask for your continued support this year (2018). Your appropriation is used to keep us going and our doors open. When summer arrives the lives of people become busy and donations dry up. That's what makes this appropriation such an important one for us.

It costs about \$14,000 a year to keep the food shelf amply supplied. This is an increase of \$3,000 over the last year. We are a small and generous town but we are unable to donate enough food items so we turn to financial donations and purchase needed items

As I mentioned, the community continues to be supportive of our efforts with: food donations, cash donations, food and cash support from all four churches in town (including a highly successful Kotska Walk and food drive), support from the United States Postal Service drive in May and the willing carriers involved. The American Legion Auxiliary continues to be a loyal supporter. In addition there have been welcomed cash donations from businesses in the region such as: OMYA, and the Vermont Country Store. Additional welcomed financial support has come from, The United Church of Proctor, and the ever popular Soup Bowls for Hunger event with our own *Sweet Caroline's donating soups for the benefit of our food shelf.* *We also have been the recipient of funds from the "Chocolatfest" organized by the Rutland United Methodist Church. We are also able to provide some help at Christmas with gifts donated from the Operation Dolls Program of RSVP.*

Last year we saw a total of 818 families from West Rutland (an Increase of 79 families over last year) with 1,700 individuals in those families including 439 children and 152 customers over 65. We saw 20 "new" families come through our door, families who had never been to the food shelf but whose situations had become increasingly challenging. Thanks to the support you give us through this appropriation, we were there to help them.

There is always danger in making a list of whom to thank because someone is always forgotten by mistake and I apologize if I miss people but finally most important for us and a sign of this generous community are the silent "angels" who drop food off at the Town Hall, or those who come down our stairs on a Saturday with a bag of food or a cash donation or an offer to volunteer. Some donors wish to remain anonymous and they faithfully send a check at the beginning of every month. You are our lifeblood and we would not make it without you. Whether it was: one can, one bag, one hour or one dollar in our effort to ensure no one in our town goes hungry, thank you. If you have questions or know someone who needs help, please don't hesitate to be in touch with me at 282-5374 anytime. We appreciate your support. Thank You West Rutland.

Tony Morgan, West Rutland Food Shelf





Marble Valley Regional Transit District  
"The Bus"

2017 Town of West Rutland, Annual Report

Jay R. Morel, Community Outreach

Marble Valley Regional Transit District (MVRTD), known as "The Bus" has been providing service to the residents of the greater Rutland area for over forty years. The Transit District is the largest, non-urban, public transportation system in the State of Vermont and provides transportation to the general public throughout Rutland County, as well as to social and human service agencies, the resort communities and area businesses. MVRTD provides an enhanced level of self-sufficiency for the elderly, disabled and transportation disadvantaged who rely on public transportation. System ridership was over 703,000 rides this past year. MVRTD provides 65 jobs year round, with upwards of 80 during the winter peak season.

MVRTD provided over 2,100 rides to West Rutland on the Fair Haven Route, a commuter service with stops at the Colonial Apartments, Marble Street, West Rutland High School, West Rutland Industrial Park and Westway Mall, along with the hundreds of medically necessary trips that were provided to West Rutland residents as well. Other highly successful commuter routes operated by MVRTD both within Rutland County and beyond provide connections to three adjoining counties thus serving the growing population committed to the environmental benefits of public transit use as well as the savings realized in the cost of fuel.

MVRTD has provided service under the Elderly and Disabled Program to West Rutland for many years in partnership with the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging.

For more information about schedules and services please call 773-3244 x117 or visit MVRTD's web site at [www.thebus.com](http://www.thebus.com).

MVRTD thanks the residents of West Rutland for their continued support of public transit.

Live Green – Ride the Bus

## FY2017 RUTLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT (RNRCD) REPORT

### A sample of the programs/projects the District was involved in during 2016/2017:

#### Education:

**Vermont Envirothon** - The District promotes this program through visits to area high school science departments to encourage student participation. Teams of high school students are challenged to answer questions about conservation issues, and scores are calculated to determine the winning team. The District sponsored three teams from two high schools in the 2017 statewide competition.

**Conservation Field Day/Science at the Hatchery** - The District organized this event at the Dwight D. Eisenhower National Fish Hatchery in Chittenden. More than 100 students from six elementary schools in Rutland County participated. Some of the topics that students learned about were: stream ecology, forests and tree identification, fish shocking and identification, soils and the different fish species raised at the hatchery and their life cycles. Funding for this year's event came from the US Forest Service and the Rutland County Solid Waste District.

#### Organization:

**RNRCD Annual Meeting** - The District held its Annual Meeting at the West Rutland Town Hall on February 13, 2017. Chris Smid with New England Slate provided a presentation titled "The Vermont Slate Industry Today" and Chris Brooks from VT Wood Pellet provided a presentation titled "Responsible Use and Economics of Forest Products".

At the meeting, Jon Satz, owner of Woods Market Garden in Brandon, received an award for the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District, Conservation Farm of the Year. The Conservation District recognizes farmers who are doing an outstanding job of protecting and conserving soil, water and related natural resources on the land they farm.

**Local Work Group** - Rutland District Supervisors participate in Local Work Group meetings. The focus of these meetings is to assist in setting local priorities for USDA Cost Share Programs administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

#### Programs:

**Land Treatment Planning (LTP)** - The District works with a Land Treatment Planner who provides technical assistance to farmers in preparing technical information for the development of Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans (CMNP'S).

**Portable Skidder Bridges** - The District has two portable skidder bridges available for rent to loggers and consulting foresters. Portable skidder bridges when properly installed and used as a temporary stream crossing structure, will reduce streambank and streambed disturbance as compared to other alternatives, thus minimizing the potential for sedimentation.

#### Outreach:

**Website** - The District hosts a website at [www.vacd.org/rcd](http://www.vacd.org/rcd) that contains information describing the many projects/programs that the District is involved in.

#### Watershed Planning for the Otter Creek and its Tributaries:

The District secured funding through grant sources to:

- Install green stormwater practices (bioretention basin) at Giorgetti Park in the City of Rutland;
- Install a stormwater swirl separator at the outfall of an existing 36" drainage pipe, in the Adams Street right-of-way in the City of Rutland;
- Install green stormwater practices at Rutland Town School in the Town of Rutland;
- Hire consultants to design green stormwater practices at Rutland High School and Stafford Technical Center and for a property acquired by the City of Rutland on Easterly Avenue in the City.
- Hire consultants to develop Stormwater Master Plans in the Town of Wallingford and for the Moon Brook in the City of Rutland.
- Implement the removal of a berm and easement acquisition in the Cold River Watershed in the Town of Clarendon, which will serve to restore floodplain function.
- Work with the farming community to support nutrient reduction, by providing education and outreach regarding Required Agricultural Practices (RAP's) and sponsoring workshops to expand awareness in programs designed to improve water quality.

For further information on these programs/projects or to be added to our mailing list or list of volunteers, please contact Nanci McGuire at 802-775-8034 ext. 117 or [nanci.mcguire@vt.nacdnet.net](mailto:nanci.mcguire@vt.nacdnet.net). You can also visit us at the USDA Service Center at 170 South Main Street in Rutland. We encourage you to visit our website at [www.vacd.org/rcd](http://www.vacd.org/rcd)



**American Red Cross**  
New Hampshire and  
Vermont Region

Town of West Rutland  
Attn: Lisa Harvey  
35 Marble St  
West Rutland, VT 05777



Dear Ms. Harvey,

The mission of the American Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. We are a non-profit organization dedicated to helping local communities prepare for, respond to and recover from local disasters, most commonly home fires.

We also provide several other services which include supplying blood and blood products in the United States, emergency communication services for Military Service Members and their families, training courses for emergency preparedness, as well as certification courses for Licensed Nurse Assistants, babysitting, and First Aid/CPR. These services, amongst the other services and campaigns outlined below, help thousands of residents each year, and would not be possible without the generosity of donors and hundreds of local volunteers working together 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

We provide all of our services *free* with no support from federal or state governments. So that we may continue to provide these essential services, the American Red Cross reaches out to partners in the community like the Town of West Rutland for funding. For the upcoming fiscal year, American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont respectfully requests a donation of \$250.00 from our friends in West Rutland.

This past year, the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont provided the following services throughout the region:

Red Cross disaster volunteers responded to 254 local disasters, supporting 1,139 people in their time of dire need. We installed more than 2,200 smoke detectors in homes through our Home Fire Campaign. Taught lifesaving skills, including First Aid and CPR, to 29,482 people in our various health and safety courses. We held 3,269 blood drives and collected 92,469 units of life-saving blood. We currently have over 1,100 volunteers throughout the two states that help to make these services happen.

As you know, a disaster or emergency can strike at any time without warning, and the American Red Cross is committed to being in the West Rutland community to help your residents in times of need. Your donation will go a long way in ensuring that your citizens receive the support they need when confronted by a disaster or emergency.

On behalf of the volunteers and staff throughout the two states, thank you for your consideration of this request to support the humanitarian work that we do. While we hope that no disasters hit your area, rest assured that the American Red Cross will be there to help if they do.

Sincerely,

Rachel Zellem  
Regional Development Specialist

# THE CARVINGSTUDIO & SCULPTURECENTER 1987 30 YEARS 2017

January, 2018

## Thank You for 3 Great Decades!

What a 30th anniversary year- our growth has been remarkable since 1987, when founder B Amore began to realize her dream here in West Rutland. Our non-profit organization relies on the support of our neighbors, and together we made it a successful season! Some 2017 highlights include:

- New partnerships to create **public sculpture** in Rutland, beginning with *The Jungle Book*, unveiled on November 1st, and *Stone Legacy*, to be installed in the spring of 2018.
- Over 40 **hands-on workshops** continue to attract participants ages 6 to 80 and beyond.
- More than a dozen **Artists-in-Residence** from around the world created new work at our facility.
- **Exhibitions** included our Annual Members' Show, SculptFest2017 and an installation by Holly Wong.
- The Winter Studios Capital Campaign is complete, with window installation finishes and a new insulated roof installed on **The Gordon Marshall Coping Shop**.
- **Eight competitive grants awarded** for program and infrastructure support.



*"Stone Legacy" created at The Carving Studio & Sculpture Center, August 2017.*

We remain enthusiastic about our role in preserving the heritage of West Rutland, as we nurture creativity through artistic expression.

Sincerely,

Carol Driscoll  
Executive Director

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*The Carving Studio and Sculpture Center is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization.*

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## 2017 CHILD FIRST ADVOCACY CENTER REPORT

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The Child First Advocacy Center (CFAC) of Rutland County is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing a safe and supportive environment to assist victims and their families in the discovery, intervention, treatment and prevention of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and children affected by violence. We are grateful to the residence of West Rutland for your continued support.

In calendar year 2017, The Child First Advocacy Center served 210 children and families in Rutland County. **We were able provide wrap around services and support to at least 6 West Rutland families as they began their recovery from the effects of abuse.** With your support we were also able to bring Richard Guerri with The Institute for Responsible Online and Cell-Phone Communication to West Rutland School and provide internet safety education to Parents, Educators and Students. In addition, we continue to offer community awareness and education at no cost in an effort to provide adults with the ability to recognize, react and respond appropriately to child sexual abuse and increase every school districts ability to complete the legislatively mandated ACT 1 initiative also known as Child Sexual Abuse Awareness training for Educators, Community Members and Student's grades K-12.

CFAC, a fully accredited member of the *National Children's Alliance*, serves victims and their non-offending family members with the structure of a central agency through which reports of suspected child abuse cases can be channeled for investigation and victim recovery. Our agency serves families of all socio-economic levels and is committed to providing quality services regardless of the ability to pay.

The Child First Advocacy Center is requesting funds in the amount of \$600 to continue our efforts in supporting families in your community. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,  
Wendy Loomis, Executive Director  
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*Agency of Human Services*

## Vermont Department of Health Town Report

**Your local health district office** is in Rutland at the address and phone number above. Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With twelve district offices around the state, and state office and laboratory in Chittenden County, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2017 the Health Department:

**Supported healthy communities:** The Health Department's 3-4-50 initiative aims to engage multiple sectors – business, education, municipalities – in implementing policies and strategies that will reduce the three (3) behaviors of tobacco use, physical inactivity and poor diet that lead to four (4) chronic diseases of cancer, heart disease and stroke, diabetes and lung disease that result in more than 50% of deaths in Rutland County. The local office is working to get these sector partners to sign-on to 3-4-50 and make a commitment to take action that will help to reduce the chronic disease in our state.

**Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families:** We served 1,829 pregnant women and children to age five in Rutland County with WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children). WIC provides individualized nutrition counseling and breastfeeding support. We partner with grocery stores across the state to enable participants to use a debit-like card to access nutritious foods. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.

**Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease:** In 2017 we responded to 37 cases of infectious disease in Rutland County and distributed \$1,292,352 worth of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases.

**Aided communities in addressing substance abuse and misuse:** Regional Prevention Partnerships statewide worked to increase state and community capacity to prevent underage and binge drinking, reduce prescription drug misuse and marijuana use. In Rutland County, prescription drug take back locations were expanded to include Rutland Regional Medical Center's Pharmacy. Local law enforcement agencies have also been collaborating across the county on proactive efforts around underage drinking and binge drinking. With community partners, we are promoting that parents are the #1 influence on kids (ParentUpVT.org).



For more information, news, alerts and resources: Visit us on the web at [www.healthvermont.gov](http://www.healthvermont.gov).

Join us on DISTRICT FACEBOOK ADDRESS and follow us on [www.twitter.com/healthvermont](https://twitter.com/healthvermont).



*Rutland Regional Planning Commission is a resource for towns; is a platform for ideas; and inspires a vision for our future. We balance local desires, best practices, and regional growth for communities that are vibrant today and strong for years to come.*

We enjoyed working with the town of West Rutland in 2017, especially with Mary Ann Goulette, with whom we worked on numerous planning project, and with Denis Lincoln, who represents your town on our Board of Commissioners. RRPC staff continued working with the town on the Municipal Planning Grant project for the downtown master plan, and assisted staff and participated in public meetings regarding the Business Route 4 corridor redevelopment.

Our Emergency Management division: assisted the town with communicating and coordinating town information to state officials after three weather events impacted the town; hosted five Emergency Management Director and Coordinator roundtables to which town officials were invited; and mapped all known reported Tier II sites in town complete with buffer distances for use in case of emergency.

RRPC also assisted the town in the new Grants in Aid funding for Best Management Practices; provided energy mapping assistance; provided Better Roads Category A work; created a GIS database of all State Register Historic Districts in town; and visited town to gather parcel data and talk about the State Parcel Data Project.

*Here's more about how RRPC assisted your town and other towns in the region in 2017:*

**RRPC provided resources for land use planning and community engagement,** from assistance with grant applications and mapping; town plan assistance on new water quality requirements and energy planning elements; traffic counts, and culvert studies; to shaping a regional vision for economic growth and walkable communities through the development of the Regional Plan.

**RRPC also provided opportunities for collaboration** via monthly road commissioner meetings, local emergency management round tables, and water quality convenings.

**Thank you for the opportunity to serve your community and, in 2017, celebrating with us our 50<sup>th</sup> year in the Rutland region.**

*If you feel inspired to participate in local or regional planning; want to be paired with opportunities to grow your community; or just want to learn more, please visit or give us a call; we'd love to hear from you!*

## Rutland County Solid Waste District Annual Report – Calendar Year 2017

The Rutland County Solid Waste District offers a variety of solid waste, recycling, waste education, household hazardous waste, composting and administrative support programs for our seventeen member municipalities. Some services are also available to non-District communities on a fee for service basis. In addition, the District operates a regional drop-off center and transfer station at Gleason Road in Rutland City. District program, facility and rate information is now available on our web site, [www.rcswd.com](http://www.rcswd.com).

**Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP).** The District complied with all the ACT 148 requirements and was able to have their SWIP Plan approved of in August of 2015. The SWIP meets the requirements of the State's Material Management Plan and delineates how solid and hazardous waste will be managed in the District towns for a five year period.

The District started to contact local businesses informing them about recycling composting and hazardous waste and the programs that we offer. The District will also be working with local schools on many of these same issues over the next few years.

**Waste Disposal:** During 2017, residents and businesses in our member municipalities disposed of approximately 34,000 tons of municipal solid waste; nearly all of this was through the District's master disposal contract with Casella Waste Management. The cost of disposal, handling and transportation from the District Transfer Station at Gleason Road to the landfill was \$83.13 per ton. State taxes, district surcharge and the Rutland City Host Community Fee totaled \$26.97, for a final disposal cost of \$110.10 per ton.

**Recycling:** The District owns a Material Recovery Facility (MRF), recycling center in Rutland City that is leased to Casella Waste Management for their operations. The MRF accepts seventeen recyclable commodities from transfer stations, commercial haulers and large generators for processing and sale for re-use. The facility currently receives approximately 35,000 tons of recyclables a year. The MRF had switched over to zero-sort in November of 2011. The equipment is designed to handle up to 15 tons an hour with the capability of expansion overtime. As part of this process, the facility can now take plastics #3 through #7.

**Household Hazardous Waste:** Rutland County Solid Waste District operates an extensive Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program for district residents. The program operates year-round from the Gleason Road facility, and scheduled collections at twenty town transfer stations through the spring, summer and fall. The HHW program collects and safely disposes of dozens of hazardous, flammable and toxic materials, anti-freeze, pesticides, used motor oil, asbestos, and fluorescent tubes, In 2017 we shipped out 26,570 gallons of HHW. The District also collects electronic waste in 2017 we shipped out 301,546 pounds.

In July of 2014 the District started accepting latex paint as per the new Paint Care Recycling Program. Several local paint stores and hardware stores started accepting it as well. This has been very popular through 2017.

**Other Programs:** The District also offered other waste management, education and reduction programs, including construction and demolition waste, clean wood and composting. The District is continuing with its "Merry Mulch" program in collecting and processing over 1,200 Christmas trees annually. The District also has been working with and providing recycling materials or information to various local organizations including the Rutland Master Gardener's Club, the Rutland Dismas House, Rutland Neighborhood Program, and Vermont Southwestern Council on Aging, Rutland Hospital and Women's Network & Shelter and the Rutland County Humane Society and the College of St. Josephs specifically on composting programs.

In 2017 the District The District also sponsored the Conservation Field Day/Science at the Hatchery with the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District (RNRCD) and assisted in promoting their seedling tree and bush planting program.

James O'Gorman  
District Manager





## **ANNUAL REPORT TO The Town of West Rutland**

**2017**

The Rutland County Humane Society is dedicated to advocating for and working towards a responsible and humane community. We provide shelter and adoption opportunities for pets who are homeless and promote animal welfare through community programs that benefit both animals and people.

RCHS acts as the coordinator for animal cruelty cases in Rutland County and works to provide relief for victims of animal neglect and abuse. We provide information and referral services to people dealing with animal issues.

The RCHS shelter is the largest program of the agency, taking in more than 1,400 animals in 2016 and our numbers are expected to be about the same for 2017.

Our agency is funded through fees for service, town funding, donations and special events. We thank those who support our operations, including the Town of West Rutland.

During the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, the Rutland County Humane Society took in forty-seven (47) animals from West Rutland. Attached is our Budget Summary for 2017.

Please call as at 483-9171 if you would like further information about the Rutland County Humane Society.

## **Rutland County Humane Society**

### **Budget Summary 2017**

#### **Operating Budget:**

##### **INCOME**

Donations/General Income: \$227,000

Fund Raising Mail Campaigns: \$41,000

Fund Raising Events: \$43,700

Other Fund Raising Activities: \$66,014

Program Fund Raising: \$25,800

**Total: \$359,814**

##### **EXPENSES**

Administration: \$35,775

Community Programs: \$3,000

Shelter Operations: \$133,900

Payroll and employee expense: \$373,289

**Total: \$545,964**

**Deficit recovered from investments and bequests if necessary**



## RUTLAND COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY

PO Box 1813, Rutland, VT 05701

[www.rutlandcountyaudubon.org](http://www.rutlandcountyaudubon.org)

### 2017 ANNUAL MARSH REPORT

This report, from Rutland Audubon, follows from an agreement between the Town of West Rutland and the Rutland County Audubon Society regarding the West Rutland Marsh. Audubon agreed to do the following:

- Monitor the conservation easement restrictions
- Take steps to insure the goals of the easements are fulfilled
- Study the marsh and make recommendations for the benefit of the public
- Propose and implement educational programs
- Conduct monthly monitoring walk around the marsh open to the public

Here is a summary of our efforts:

- We have monitored bird populations at the marsh every month since the year 2000. We have now completed 16 years of monthly monitoring. With over 145 species identified and over 1500 participants. We attempt to be as scientific as possible. That is, we try to repeat the same route and same methods each time. We welcome all comers, experienced birders and beginners alike. Our schedule of marsh walks and all other events is on our web site: [www.rutlandcountyaudubon.org](http://www.rutlandcountyaudubon.org).
- We record our findings on ebird. Ebird is a worldwide tool for recording bird sightings so scientists will have accurate information available in the data bank for further study. We want our bird data to be founded on a sound scientific base. We welcome everyone's observations and submissions for this Important Bird Area. All observations are reviewed for accuracy.
- Members participate in Greenup Day every May in a continuing effort to keep up with the dumping at the marsh. Please help us at Greenup Day (or any other time) so we stop the problems of trash dumping and vandalism.
- We have publicized and popularized the marsh in every way we could. Look back through our website blog and you will see articles on our monthly walks, Great Backyard Bird Count in February, Greenup in May, Century Count in May and Christmas Bird Count in December (the marsh is a major sector). Other birders around the state now know about the marsh.
- Our educational efforts include meeting school classes to observe "Birds of the Marsh". This year we held our second "Education Day." We invited schools to attend and we mustered volunteers to help. We had four stations set up to rotate the kids through various subjects such as: the value of a wetland, marsh plants, water bugs and beginning birding. We plan to do it again in 2018 and hope the West Rutland school can attend. If we can find more school classes interested we would take more classes to our outdoor classroom.
- We are always seeking more volunteers. We follow the principle of "many hands make light work".
- This year we hope to create a trail at the marsh.

We thank all the volunteers that have helped us. We are an all volunteer Rutland County funded organization and hope to do even more in the future.

Rutland County Audubon Society is a 501 (c)(3) non profit corporation. We have a website:

[www.rutlandcountyaudubon.org](http://www.rutlandcountyaudubon.org) and Rutland County Audubon Facebook page. If you would like a notification of our events you can signup by emailing RCAS at [birding@rutlandcountyaudubon.org](mailto:birding@rutlandcountyaudubon.org).

Rutland County Audubon Society  
Nate Dansereau, president  
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## THE REAL RUTLAND – Marketing the Rutland Region

Imagine the future of Rutland County where employers and entrepreneurs have an ample supply of vibrant, youthful and talented workers to start and expand business. Imagine the real estate market on an upswing and new families have larger homes to choose from as baby boomers downsize to more convenient living. Imagine the tax base in the County is enough to balance municipal budgets and provide towns with all desired services.

We believe that all of this is possible and that it is happening here in Rutland County. But more work needs to be done. Growth does not happen by accident.

The Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce and Rutland Economic Development Corporation, along with many partners, have come up with a plan. The Regional Marketing Initiative is a collaborative effort by economic development organizations, municipalities and local business that is intended to reverse the trend of population decline. The ultimate goal of the project is to inspire millennials and baby boomers to move to the region.

Rutland Region business owners and managers tell us that they have more job opportunities than they can currently fill and that they need help finding the talent required to replace an aging and retiring workforce. Employers need more people to help them operate and ultimately grow. If we can put our quality of life in front of people, matched with a job and affordable housing, we are convinced that we will start to alleviate the stresses that local employers are experiencing.

The Regional Marketing Initiative is a 10-year plan. It takes a three-pronged approach, which includes celebrating the excellent quality of life that we enjoy, dispelling the myth there are no decent paying jobs in the region, and encouraging more tourism with the allure of the outdoor adventure that is right in our back yards.



Because this is a multiyear project, it was clear from the start that a financially sustainable plan was essential to success. Therefore, collaboration was crucial. As a result, the Initiative is funded by investments from local employers as well as municipalities throughout the County who believe we will have a much greater impact if we pool our resources.

The Regional Marketing Steering Committee created an RFP and as a result of the process hired a digital marketing firm, Brattleboro based, Mondo MediaWorks. After months of quantitative and qualitative research, the firm saw consistently common characteristics throughout Rutland County. They said, “Rutland’ers are honest, genuine and real.” The campaign theme has been unveiled as THE REAL RUTLAND and a series of digital campaigns have begun through television, social media and website applications.

The Real Rutland website’s call to action is to either, “Ask us anything about the place we call home” or “Tell us why you love the Real Rutland”. Brand experts and ambassadors are ready and willing to answer any questions that arrive.

Don’t be surprised if you see, either on television or social media, our Real Rutland messaging. If you would like to learn more about The Real Rutland, go to our website at [realrutland.com](http://realrutland.com).

We are asking all the municipalities in Rutland County to contribute \$1/person toward this effort. The request for the Town of West Rutland is \$2,326.00. We appreciate your support.

Mary Cohen  
Executive Director  
Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce

Lyle Jepson  
Executive Director  
Rutland Economic Development Corporation

Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resource Conservation District (PMNRCD) is a non-profit organization with a mission to develop programs that will facilitate the conservation of soil and clean water. PMNRCD has been providing environmental support, education, and outreach to the 14 towns in the district watershed for over 70 years. In addition to a five-member board, three employees staff the District: District Manager, Hilary Solomon; Agricultural Outreach Specialist Jennifer Alexander; and Agricultural Technician/Tree Planting Crew Leader, Anya Beale.

### **Environmental Education Opportunities**

The Conservation District works with partners to provide environmental education opportunities to local schools and within local communities. In 2017, we worked directly with schools in Poultney, Fair Haven, Pawlet, Benson, Tinmouth, Danby, and Middletown Springs, and programs included in-stream watershed science programming, assisting with Trout in the Classroom, and the annual Ecosystem Exposition for all area fifth and sixth grade classes.

### **Stormwater Management**

The District is currently working with several towns on implementing potential ‘green stormwater’ projects. We are working in Castleton, Hubbardton, Ira, and West Rutland to identify stormwater runoff issues and propose high priority stormwater mitigation projects in the Castleton River watershed and with Poultney and Wells to identify projects in the Lake St Catherine area.

PMNRCD and Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC), through the South Lake Partnership, continue to assist with the funding and implementation of flood resiliency projects in the Flower Brook Watershed shared by Danby, Tinmouth, and Pawlet.

### **Agricultural Programs**

The District assists farmers applying manure and fertilizer to their fields complete farm-specific, nutrient management plans through a statewide partnership program. The District provides agronomic and water quality guidance to local farms, writes grants to implement water quality improvement projects on farms, and provides rental of a no-till seed planter and soil aerator, which help to improve soil health.

### **Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nursery**

PMNRCD collaborates with Poultney’s Champlain Valley Nursery and area residents to make improvements to water quality. In 2017, over 13 acres of restoration plantings were completed in the District to create habitat and to control erosion. Plants are available to local landowners through our tree sale or on site. Visit our website for more information.

***The Poultney-Mettowee watershed consists of all the lands that drain to the Poultney or Mettowee Rivers and their tributaries.***



# Green Up Day

*First Saturday in May ~ May 5, 2018 ~ 48 Years*



**Join us on the Town Hall Green at 9 AM to divide and conquer!!**

**Hot dog lunch served from 11 am—Noon.**

**Long pants, light colored clothing, boots and gloves are advised.**

**Garbage bags are provided.**

## ***Green Up Day Appliance Pick-Up***

*If you have appliances that need to be disposed of and would like the town to pick them up, contact the Town Office at 438-2263 for rates and instructions.*

*Requests and payment must be made by Thursday, May 3rd*



## TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND

# TOWN WIDE YARD SALE

**SATURDAY MAY 12TH**

**8:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.**

**For more information or to rent a space call 438-2263**



**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND**

# **MEMORIAL ★ DAY ★ PARADE**

**MONDAY, MAY 28, 2018 \* 10:00 A.M.**

Please Join Us in Honoring our Veterans and  
Celebrating Our Community!



***If you or your business would like to participate in the parade  
or be a sponsor of the event, please contact the  
Town Office at 438-2263***

# **Support the West Rutland Dog Park!**



**West Rutland Dog Park Bumper Stickers  
are still available at the Town Hall  
Treasurer's Office for \$5  
Proceeds benefit maintenance  
of the park**